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TWO MINERS GUILTY OF MURDER

Life for 'ultimate act of violence'

By LIN JENKINS

TWO South Wales miners were jailed for life yesterday after being found guilty of murdering Mr David Wilkie, a taxi driver who was driving a man to work during the coal strike.

After retiring for 6¾ hours at the end of an eight-day trial, a jury of eight men and four women returned 10-2 majority verdicts against Dean Hancock and Russell Shankland, both 21, of Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Michael Mann, said: "I have no doubt at all that the background to this offence was the coal strike which engendered a climate of violence that fostered your acts of violence.

"You performed the ultimate act of violence and for it you will go to prison for life."

There were gasps and cries from the men's relatives as the verdicts were announced at the climax of the most serious trial to arise out of the violence which flared in the coalfields during the strike.

Some women wept and embraced each other and Hancock buried his head and said: "Oh, my God." Shaking uncontrollably, he burst into tears.

Several people had to be helped from the court after they

Mr David Wilkie.

watched Hancock and Shankland disappear down to the cells sobbing loudly.

Mr Wilkie's fiancée, Mrs Janice Reed, 27, who gave birth to his son two months after the killing, was also in the packed court, with colleagues from the firm for which he worked.

The jury had earlier acquitted Anthony Williams, 26, of Ty Coch, Rhymney, of two charges of conspiring to damage a taxi with intent to endanger life or being reckless about the danger. He had been cleared earlier in the week of murder on instructions of the judge.

The court had been told how Hancock and Shankland met in the early hours of Nov. 30 to disrupt the police escort and taxi taking Mr David Williams to the Merthyr Vale pit.

The two men made their way to a bridge across the Heads of the Valleys road at Rhymney collecting concrete missiles on their waqy.

They placed a concrete slab weighing 46lb and a concrete post weighing 65lb on the parapet above the road and laid an ambush when they saw the lights of the convoy approaching, they ran to their position and, after a police motorcycle escort had passed hurled the concrete block and post from the bridge crushing the taxi.

Within seconds the driver, Mr Wilkie, was dead from injuries to his head and chest.

The day before Hancock, who later said he "couldn't give a damn about the strike," had helped cut down an electricity pole to block the road. But police got Mr Williams into work by another route.

Five days before that Hancock had been arrested outside Mr Williams's house when he hurled a bottle.

Prophetic warning by police—P2

'Two victims of a war'

After the verdicts Mr John Prosser, Q.C. counsel for Shankland, speaking against a background of sobbing, told the judge that he realised his hands were tied so far as sentencing was concerned.

He added: "When I addressed the jury I said we were like a nation at war. In that war there were victims.

"Those of you who have to consider Shankland's position hereafter should remember that in the war there were victims and two of those are behind me now.

"I will simply say in that war there were generals, and they stood outside the law and they left Russell Shankland outside the law."

After the trial Mr Bill King,

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Anthony Williams with his wife Joy after he had been acquitted in Cardiff yesterday.

DEPUTIES BAN PIT OVERTIME

By JOHN RICHARDS
Industrial Correspondent

PIT deputies have voted 7,321 to 5,059 to impose an immediate national overtime ban and the Coal Board reacted last night by cancelling a meeting, due to take place today, about the procedure for handling pit closures.

The new coal dispute arises because the National Corporation of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (Nacods) claims the board have reneged on an agreement, reached during the 12-month miners' strike, that no pit would be closed unless it went through a revised colliery review procedure.

The overtime ban which Nacods members supported in a pithead ballot will inevitably affect coal production.

'Real progress'

A Coal Board statement announcing the meeting with Nacods, the National Union of Mineworkers and the British Association of Colliery Management was cancelled, added: "It is surprising that the ban is being ordered just when real progress is being made in discussions dealing with the very issue on which Nacod decided to hold the ballot."

Refusal of deputies to work overtime, especially on extra maintenance shifts at weekends, will seriously hinder output as the work will have to take place when coal would normally be produced. Miners are not allowed to work underground without deputies and supervisors.

Mr Kenneth Sampey, Nacods president, said that the board was closing pits without going through procedure. Nacods members were disgusted and felt the union had been "conned".

The agreement on a review procedure, aimed at introducing a final stage in which there would be an appeal to an independent body whose views on any closure would be given "due weight", was negotiated last October to avert a strike by Nacods.

Pym tries to undo the damage

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

MR FRANCIS PYM set out to convince Conservative MPs last night that the Conservative Centre Forward group launched this week in conjunction with his highly-critical speech on Government policy was not designed to divide the party.

The former Foreign Secretary, in a personal statement to a packed meeting of the Conservative backbench 1922 Committee, stressed in particular that he had never intended the group to be a voting bloc operating outside the discipline and authority of the Chief Whip.

His three-minute speech, which was heard in silence and thinly applauded at the close, sought to undo the damage caused by early resignations of two MPs from the group in reaction to the tone of his Oxford speech, and a widespread impression of disarray.

This mood had led the Prime Minister to treat the emergence of Mr Pym's group in light-hearted fashion when questioned on it in the Commons earlier yesterday.

Divided reaction

Opinion was divided last night over the impact and significance of Mr Pym's speech. His justification for his strategy was variously described as apologetic and unrepentant.

His supporters believed that he had "cleared the air," but Right-wingers were divided between those who thought he had underlined the new group's insignificance and those who felt it would have to be taken more seriously than they had hoped.

Mr Pym's determination to convince colleagues that his aim was constructive was given greater urgency by yesterday's Gallup Poll in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH putting the Conservatives in third place for the first time since the invasion of the Falklands.

While Ministers and backbenchers alike sought to shrug off the party's stated 30½ per cent. share of the poll as a quirk of mid-term politics, there was a clear anxiety not to be blamed if things went further away.

Thus when Mr Pym finished his speech to the 1922 Committee not a single backbencher sought to press the matter further.

He had told his backbench colleagues that he did not intend Conservative Centre Forward to be a party within a party or a cause for disunity.

The aim of the group was to be helpful and to contribute to ideas. But, Mr Pym added in implied criticism of Mrs Thatcher and her outlook: "The next election may be harder than many of us think."

ONE MP HAS NINE SECRETARIES

By Our Political Staff

TWO MPs have nine accredited research assistants at the Commons and one has nine secretaries, according to figures issued yesterday by Mr Biffen, Leader of the House.

At the other end of the scale 510 out of 650 manage without a research assistant and 185 have no secretary at Westminster.

The figures given by Mr Biffen in a written answer to Mr Richard Tracy, Conservative M for Surbiton, are of interest to MPs concerned at the burgeoning of secretaries and research assistants.

Mr Biffen indicated that 337 MPs have one secretary and 235 a single research assistant: there are thus 128 with more than one secretary and 105 with more than one research assistant.

Some of these will, however, do most of their work elsewhere and simply have a Commons pass for convnience.

However, Mr Tracey is likely to seek further information on the identity of the MP with nine secretaries, another with eight and two more with seven, and the two MPs with nine research assistants and the one with eight.

Tube strike called

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

AN all-out strike on the London Underground to start at midnight on Sunday was called by the National Union of Railwaymen yesterday to protest at the introduction of driver-only trains.

London Regional Transport said last night it was "seriously considering" applying for an inuction to try to stop the strike, called without a balot.

A spokesman said: "We shall be taking steps to try to ensure trains run normally in the interests of passengers and staff who want to work."

Standing instruction

The NUR's national executive met in emergency session to call the strike, and decided not to comply with the terms of the 1984 Trade Union Act by holding a ballot among the 8,000 members affected by the strike call.

Another 8,000 LRT Underground staff belong to the other rail union, Aslef, which will decide today whether to join the strike.

Aslef already has a standing instruction to members not to cross NUR picket lines, but this has not always been well observed.

The emergency NUR meeting and the strike were triggered by a notice posted on staff notice boards by LRT Wednesday saying that single-manned trains would be brought in on the short East London line from Whitechapel to New Cross.

The driver-only operation was intoduced on the Circle Line and a section of the Metropolitan Line last year, with union agreement.

All staff who will eventually be agected by the change have already received a 7·5 per cent. productivity pay rise, worth about £10 a week on aveerage.

But after the early months of one man operation on the Metropolitan and Circle lines, the unions blocked any further extensions until they had reached agreement on claims for longer and more frequent breaks for drivers.

It was frustration with this which led LRT to introduce it on the East London line without agreement.

3,000 JOBS TO GO AS PITS ARE CLOSED

Two pits in the Barnsley area are due to close later this year and four others will be merged, the Coal Baord announced yesterday. Three thousand jobs will be lost.

Darfield Main Colliery, employing 600, will close in September, and Emley Moor, one of the smallest coal mines in Britain, will cease production in December when its reserves will be exhausted. The closures are part of a £430 million reconstruction programme.

Miners' union membership will be cut from 15,200 to 10,200 in the area where 40 pits will still be in production. About 1,500 men have already accepted voluntary redundancy terms, and 2,000 have applied for redundancy.

AIRCRAFT MYSTERY

By Our Tokyo Correspondent

The fate of a Soviet aircraft which suddenly vanished from radar screens of the Japanese Defence Force shortly after 8 am yesterday remained a mystery last night, according to an official Japanese government spokesman. Aeroflot officials said the Soviet airline's only commercial airliner in the area had landed on time.

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Home sale victory for solicitors

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

SOLICITORS have won a significant battle to retain their conveyancing work by persuading the Government that banks and building societies should not be allowed to offer a joint mortgage and conveyancing package.

Lord Hailsham, Lord Chancellor, who has argued the Law Society's case in Cabinet committee, is believed to have convinced his colleagues that this would create conflicts of interest and be against the public interest.

While the Government is still committed to introducing legislation allowing solicitors employed by banks, building societies and other lending institutions to offer a conveyancing service, such restrictions on conflict of interest grounds would greatly redrce their threat to the practising profession.

Feared package

Although provisions of the Administration of Justice Bill now before Parliament will allow qualified and licensed conveyancers to compete with solicitors for conveyancing work, it was competition from banks and building societies offering a mortgage and conveyancing package that was particularly fered by the profession.

Introducing the second reading debate of the Bill in the Commons yesterday, the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, made it clear that the final form of the legislation, planned for next session, to allow banks and building societies to offer conveyancing had not been decided.

But it would take into account the need to protect the consumer from prejudice resulting from any conflict of interest.

Effective competition

The Government's decision to stop building societies and banks offering a joint package will be seen by consumer groups as greatly undermining their power to provide effective competition and cheaper conveyancing.

The Consumers' Association, which promoted the Private Member's Bill to end the solicitors' conveyancing monopoly and which was only withdrawn on the Government's undertaking to introduce its own legislation, has argued that building societies should be able to offer a package of services to house-buyers and sellers.

GREECE STOPS REFUELLING OF BRITISH SHIP

By Our Athens Corespondent

The Greek government has forbidden the refuelling in Greece of a British auxiliary vessel taking part in a Nato exercise, a move described yesterday by Nato sources in Athen as "unprecedented" in British-Greek relations.

The sources said the Gree n Rover, a Royal Fleet Auxiliary vesel manned by a civilian crew, was turned away by the Greek government when it appeared at the Souda Bay American and Greek naval base in Crete.

An official of the Greek Foreign Ministry said yesterday that Greece refused to take part in any Nato exercises unless the alliance stops its policy of favouritism towards Turkey.

CIVIL SERVICE UNION SWINGS TO THE RIGHT

By Our Industrial Staff

Control of the largest Whitehall union, the Civil and Public Services Association, swong from the Left to the Right in election results announced yesterday.

The 150,000 members elected 25 moderates and only three Left-wingers in ballots for the union's two vice-presidents and 28 executive committee members. A year ago the Left gained control with 20 of the 28 posts. Voting this year was 42 per cent., up seven per cent.

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Brittan plans law to nip mob rule in the bud

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

NEW police and court powers to combat violence at demos, picket lines and football matches were announced by Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, yesterday amid Labour criticism following a six-year review of the Public Order Act 1936.

Legislation will also be introduced in England and Wales to control the availability of alcohol at or on the way to football matches, as under the Scottish system.

Other improvements to public order law would include some tightening up of the offence of incitement of racial hatred.

The review covered the miners' strike, football hooliganism, the inner-city riots of 1981, open-air demonstrations which had resulted in clashes with police, and the Libyan embassy seibe in which WPc Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead.

In a Commons statement after publishing a White Paper, Mr Brittan said the review had revealed "no yawning gaps in the law."

But "there are a number of areas where the law can and shoudl be extended and clarified, mainly in improving the opportunities for the police to try to prevent disorder or disruption before it occurs.

Mr Brittan also said the Government would continue to preserve the basic and crucial right to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, freedoms which were essential to any democratic society.

He added: "but people also have the right to protection against being bullied, hurt, intimidated or obstructed, whatever the motive of those responsible may be, whether they are violent demonstrators, rioters, intimidatory mass pickets or soccer hooligans."

Mr Kaufman, labour's Shadow Home Secretary, criticised the proposals on picketing and marches. The police would be placed "in the intolerable position of becoming the political agents of the Government's industrial and political policies."

But conservative MPs praised Mr Brittan over what one of them described as "moderate" changes in the law.

The main changes are:

Picket line crowds will come under police control where there is a threat of obstruction or intimidation.

Soccer crowds will be limited by police where there is a serious threat of public disorder.

Seven days' notice will be re-

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ROYAL PAIR TO VISIT BRADFORD

THE Prince and Princess of Wales hope to visit the most seriously-injured victims of the Bradford fire disaster. Mrs Thatcher also plans to visit the city.

The trips were announced yesterday after news that the Government would donate £250,000 tothe city's disaster fund, and publication of the 52 victims' names.

With the Government contribution, the fund has reached £700,000, and donations are still flooding in.

Mrs Thatcher is to tour the city on Sunday on the invitation of Mrs Olive Hesser, the Lord Mayor. It is expected the Prime Minister will visit the ruined stadium.

The Royal visit to Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, where the nine most seriously-injured survivors are being treated, it depends on the doctors' approval.

World-wide donations to the fund are expected to exceed £2 million.

It is hoped that beneficiaries can start to receive help by tomorrow. Money received has already been invested to gain interest.

The possible cause of the blaze, said by one survivor to be a cigarette end dropped in a plastic cup, may be given today, when the inquest opens.

Meanwhile, Aston Villa is to face court action for allegedly breaking fire regulations.

Dead Named—P17

AL FAYED AXE

By Our Commercial Correspondent

Barkers of Kensington, part of the House of Fraser department store group recently taken over by the Al Fayed brothers, has given notice of 269 job cuts in the 470 workforce, the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers said yesterday.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Ridge covers Britain.

LONDON, MIDLANDS, CEN. S., S.W., N.W. ENGLAND, WALES, N. IRELAND: Sunny periods, chance of isolated showers later. Wind N.E., light. Max. (19C).

S.E., E., N.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, CHANNEL IS: Sunny periods, perhaps isolated showers. Wind N.E., light or moderate, locally fresh. Max. 64F (18C), cooler near coasts.

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Wind N.E. force 1-3 to 4, locally 5. Sea mainly slight.

ENG CH (E), ST GEORGE'S CH: N.E., 1-3 to 4. Slight.

IRISH SEA: Variable, 1-3. Slight.

OUTLOOK: Warm, sunny periods, scattered showers.

HUMIDITY FORECAST

London	50(50)	45(55)	85(90)
Birmingham	45(45)	40(48)	90(100)
Manchester	45(42)	40(48)	87(87)
Newcastle	55(60)	60(60)	90(87)

Yesterday's figures in brackets.

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THATCHER TO COURTAULDS: 'AID COMMUNITY

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

THE Prime Minister has written to Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman of Courtaulds, urging him to offer some form of community aid to the Wrexham area where two of the company's mills are about to close with the loss of 1,100 jobs.

Mrs Thatcher and Cabinet colleagues are concerned that Courtaulds, unlike other leading companies, has made little, if any, effort to offset the effect of closure it has carried out, and has "gone away without cleaning up after it."

Mr Edwards, Welsh Secretary ,otld M Ps earlier this wek that in 1976 the firm "closed a plant and gave the then government one day's notice."

Courtaulds had been "forcefully" reminded that it had an obligation to its employees to try to develop new product lines, and if not to play its part in clearing away dereliction and helping create new jobs, he said.

The Government has had complaints about the lack of post-closure assistance from Courtaulds from councils throughout the country, and Mrs Thatcher was pressed on the issue during a recent visit to North Wales.

She has now written to Sir Christopher urging him to commit Courtaulds to offer a package of aid to the area hit by the closures, at Wrexham and Delyn, at least on a par with that put together by BP to *offset the effect of redundancies* at Llandarcy refinery in South Wales.

Reply received

Courtaulds, one of Britain's largest manufacturing companies and a pioneer in the field of man-made fibres, is not a major contributor to Conservative party funds.

Sir Christopher has replied to the Prime Minister in apparently mollifying terms, openingfi the way to some sort of action by Courtaulds along the lines suggested.

The company refused to comment on what had been a "personal exchange of letters" beyond saying that a reply had been sent to Mrs Thatcher.

A spokesman said that it would be inappropriate to make any public statement because "we are in the process of consulting with interested parties such as trade unions and local authorities" on the point at issue.

Downing Street confirmed that Mrs Thatcher had recently received a reply from Sir Christopher. The exchange had been "businesslike and in no snse acrimonious."

Mrs Thatcher's intervention comes when she and her supporters in the Cabinet have been showing growing irritation with the attitude of other leading industrialists over their criticism of the Government's economic policy.

Their main target has been Lord Weinstock, head of G E C, who recently gave a detailed critique of current economic strategy — and particularly the level of unemployment —to a House of Lords' select committee.

Ministers retaliated by saying that if Lord Weinstock was serious about fighting unemployment, he could invest some of GEC's sizeable cash balances in new projects and thus create jobs.

Labour spokesman, led by Mr Barry Jones, Shadow Welsh Secretary, have contrasted Courtaulds' actions with guidelines issued by an Industria Society committee, including Sir Christopher, on the need to inform and consult workforces.

Mr Jones has called on the Prime Minister and Mr Edwards to consider asking Sir Christopher to hand back the knighthood he was awarded in the New Year honours because of the row over the closures.

A little girl in the crowd reaching out to make personal contact when the Princess of Wales visited Dr Barnardo's in Liverpool yesterday.

MILITANT TEAM QUIT LABOUR HQ

By MARGOT NORMAN
Education Staff

THE Militant "front" organisation which has been working to politicise schoolchildren from inside Labour's headquarters is planning to move out before the party kicks it out.

The role of the Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign in inciting children to strike last month has embarrassed the Labour leadership as much as the antics of the Federation of Conservative Students have embarrassed the Tory party.

"The YTURC is already looking for new offices, and will be launching an appeal for funds," said Mr David Nellist, Militant supporter, MP for Coventry South-East and one of the campaign's chief backers.

Striking teachers to hit 5 more counties

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

A TEACHERS' union decided yesterday to step up its strike campaign despite the breakthrough reached with employers on Wednesday night that could lead to a pay settlement for the country's 410,000 teachers.

The 127,000 - strong National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers has named five new areas whose schools are to be seriously affected by staff walk-outs from June 3.

Mr Fred Jarvis, NUT General Secretary, had also made it clear that the management's offer was not sufficiently firm to warrant the suspension of strikes.

"At no point was an actual offer made, though I made it absolutely clear to management that we were not interested in four or five per cent. or five to six per cent.," he said.

Week's adjournment

"At that point the employers asked for a week's adjournment so that they could go back to their authorities and discuss an improved offer.

"That means certainly more than six per cent. Mind you, I am not saying that we would agree to six per cent. We want a substantial increase."

Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Norfolk, Northumberland and South Glamorgan will be added to the 25 authorities which are at present being hit by the union. The National Union of Teachers is expected to announce its own new "hit-list" today.

Mr Fred Smithies, General Secretary of the N A S / U W T, welcomed Wednesday's "historic development" which made it possible for the representatives of all teachers' organisations to talk directly with the employers, where before only leaders of the panels could speak.

But he added: "The developments were not firm enough to warrant the suspension of industrial action and we shall be continuing that action throughout the country."

Mr Peter Snape, leader of the Secondary Heads Association, welcomed the progress made in Burnham, but said that his association would "oppose in every way" any flat rate settlement that might affect the differentials of heads deputy heads and senior teachers.

Meanwhile, college lecturers have called a mass rally in Westminster on Tuesday to support their own pay campaign.

SINN FEIN SUCCESS AT POLLS

By COLIN BRADY
in Belfast

SINN FEIN, the political wing of the I R A, gained seats on at least 12 Northern Ireland councils yesterday, and was on target for a total of 36 seats across the province.

It won three in Londonderry, three in Fermanagh and five in Omagh, where it could become the largest party: and as counting continued last night Sinn Fein was looking to win up to nine seats in Belfast.

The Sinn Fein successes in the district council elections reflected a hardening of attitudes connected with internal party rivalries and speculation about "political deals" between London and Dublin.

A total of 980 candidates from 12 groupings are contesting 566 seats on 26 district councils.

Maintaining lead

The count is not expected to be completed until later today, but the predictable result shows no reconciliation between the political representatives of the two communities.

Preliminary returns showed that the Official Ulster Unionists were maintaining a lead with 77 successes, against the rival Democratic Unionist party's 62.

Sinn Fein had picked up 22 seats, against the Social Democratic and Labour party's 34, and the Alliance's 12.

Politicians and officials of most parties strongly criticised the new regulations to defeat personation, which has led to serious doubts about Northern Ireland election results in the past.

MPs BACK WAGES COUNCILS

By JOHN RICHARDS
Industrial Correspondent

A COMMONS Select Committee, which has a built - in Conservative majority, has recommended against the abolition of Wages Councils, which set the pay for 2,750,000 lower - paid workers.

By a vote of four to one, the Employment Committee agreed a report saying the 26 councils should be reviewed and reforms made, but they should not be scrapped.

The MPs were clearly not convinced that abolition would help provide more jobs by reducing wage levels in the industries they cover.

Currently about two-thirds of the workforce in wages council industries are part-time and four-fifths are women. Minimum rates for adults are mostly between £5 and £72 a week with the lowest adult rate, in hairdressing, at £47·50 a week.

The committee said that a Treasury forecast suggested a one per cent reduction in real wages would result in 150,000 more jobs. But this would require the level of nominal wages to be held down by nearly two per cent.

Direct negotiation

The argument did not help on the issue of abolition because, it was calculated, if there was no effect on other wages but wages council rates feel relatively by two per cent., the employment effect could be only 25,000 extra jobs.

Ministers had been unable to estimate the number of extra jobs that might be provided by abolition. They wanted to "try it and see."

Advantages of retaining the councils were said to be that the alternative of direct negotiation with trade unions would be "more destabilising" and that markets could be affected by wage-cutting competition between companies.

Among the reforms suggested are that wages councils should set a single rate for adults and that independent members should be better informed or, perhaps, replaced by a single independent chairman with arbitrating powers.

£30m benefit overpayments

By Our Health Services Correspondent

OVERPAYMENTS of £30 million a year in welfare benefits are being made to claimants because of muddles between different Government departments, a National Audit Office report said yestrday.

Sir Gordon Downey, Comptroller and Auditor General, said that £9 million was overpaid in unemployment benefit in 1982 and £21 million in supplementary benefit.

One case of confusion was that unemployment benefit was paid fortnightly, one week in advance and one in arrears, while supplementary benefit was paid fortnightly in advance.

From next month new claims to unemployment benefit will be paid wholly in arrears, cutting overpayments by some £6·5 million a year and saving 250 staff.

Many claimants had to deal with two or more offices to get benefits, and no one office was aware of the full benefits to which many claimants were entitled.

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General: D H S S and Department of Employment: Unemployment Benefit Service. H M S O £5·50.

DOCTORS' HOURS UNDER STUDY

A survey of the workload carried by family doctors is to be carried out jointly by the British Medical Association and the Department of Health, it was announced yesterday.

The results will be made available to the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body, the independent body which recommends pay levels of doctors and dentists directly to the Prime Minister.

CASH MACHINES HIT

About half the cash machines run by Lloyds Bank were out of order yesterday due to "teething troubles" with a new computer programme designed to increase the system's capacity. Lloyds said that the machines in seven of the bank's 16 regions were closed.

'Prophetic warning' by police after attack on lorry

By COLIN RANDALL and LIN JENKINS

AN atmosphere of bitterness and increasing violence gripped the strike-bound South Wales coalfield in the weeks before the predawn ambush which left the taxi driver Mr David Wilkie dead, a back-to-work rebel lucky to be alive, and two young miners branded as killers.

By early November the movement by disgruntled miners to end the strike had finally reached the valley.

It was more of a dribble than a drift, but it was enough to arouse fierce passions in an area so steeped in traditions of militancy and union loyalty.

Few in South Wales could have been unaware of the dangers of launching missile attacks on convoys from bridges over motorways or trunk roads.

After a 6lb slab was hurled through the roof and windscreen of a lorry taking coal to Llanwern steelworks in September, narrowly missing the driver, a South Wales police chief issued what events proved to be a prophetic warning.

Mr Viv Brook, assistant chief constable, appealed to miners to abandon such tactics and declared: "If someone is killed as a result of this, those responsible could be arrested for murder."

It was little more than a month later that another concrete block, nearly eight times heavier, shattered the taxi windscreen as Mr Wilkie drove a working miner, David Williams, to Merthyr Vale under police escort.

Mr Wilkie, 35, a father of three with another child about to be born, had volunteered to drive working miners through picket lines when the modest back-to-work revolt began in South Wales.

He died within minutes of being hit by the block, which caused an horrific catalogue of injuries to his head and upper chest. Mr Williams escaped unhurt and was found by his police escort screaming hysterically after the taxi had swerved on to the embankment of the Heads of the Valleys Road.

Reluctant companion

Dean Hancock, Russell Shankland and their reluctant companion, Anthony Williams, who remained at the side of the bridge as his friends positioned their missile, fled across a muddy mountain path.

Even before a radio bulletin reported the driver's death, the distant sight of an ambulance's blue flashing lights told the fleeing men their escapade had brought grim consequences.

The judgment of the nation was somewhat harsher than that of many striking Welsh miners, including some union officials and Labour councillors who described the incident as "a prank gone wrong."

Mrs Thatcher called it "an utterly despicable deed." For her it was reason enough for the miners to return to work.

The South Wales Chief Constable, Mr David East, who had already arranged to meet civic leaders that morning to discuss picket line violence at Merthyr Vale, said: "This is not industrial action. This is not picketing. This is murder."

It did not prove to be one of the more arduous of investigations undertaken by the South Wales C I D. Hancock, 21, had been arrested days earlier throwing a bottle and yelling obscenities outside Mr Williams's house. He and Shankland were detained that day.

Although at first they denied any involvement, by 9.30 p.m. they had been charged with murder.

The third man, Anthony Williams, was interviewed after Hancock's girlfriend had mentioned his name, but it appears he had every intention of giving himself up in any case.

"I've been waiting all day to see the police," he told Det. Chief Supt Don Carsley, head of South Wales C I D. "I've been very upset about this. I have a wife and children myself."

He left the police station a free man to be re-arrested and charged on Jan. 2 on the directions of the Director of Public Prosecutions; but the judge, Mr Justice Michael Mann, took the same view as the police, that no jury could convict him of murder on the evidence.

Mr David Wilkie had worked for City Centre Cars in Cardiff for three years after 17 years as a butcher. He evidently disapproved of mass picketing and thought miners had the right to decide whether or not to work.

David Williams, 35, a father of two, continues to work as a haulage driver at Merthyr Vale. At the end of the strike he came in for considerable abuse from militants, some of whom applied a perverse logic and claimed he was "the true killer."

He was relieved not to be called as a witness. "Some people at work just want to forget it and get on with their own lives: but others refuse to admit the mistake and still dwell on the past.

"I must say I am still bitter. Bitter about lots of things that happened at that time, and how people could behave in the way that many did. I had begun to feel a little better, but the trial has brought it all back."

The killing also devastated the lives of the families of the accused miners.

Looked settled

Hancock, the father of one girl had welcomed the strike, ignored union meetings and revelled in the unexpected time off to spend wandering the fields with his dog, hunting rabbits and fishing.

With about £500 in a building society his future looked settled. He had been lucky to be one of the last 10 people recruited to Oakdale, and a secure salaried job provided the base for his plans to marry his girlfriend and settle down.

It had only been the need for some extra money that prompted him to join the picketing rota at a local opencast mine. For such outings his mother would arrange a sleeping bag on the sofa in the front room so that he could be easily woken by friends picking him up in the early hours of the morning.

Russell Shankland is unmarried but like Hancock, had a girlfriend with a baby. Since the killing of the taxi driver she has left him.

He too had been fortunate to find work in an area where unemployment was high and sons no longer automatically followed their fathers down the mines. He had been opposed to the strike and voted against it at the start.

Violence on the picket lines at Coventry had sickened him, and despite jibes from his workmates he refused to return again. He would agree only to drive a bus for the N U M.

As he talked to a sympathetic detective inspector after his arrest, Shankland spoke of his newly born son's growing up with his father languishing in Cardiff jail.

"This is great, isn't it?" he said. "I only wanted to go back to work. I didn't want to be on strike.

"I'm here, and I expect that ——— Scargill is having a steak dinner in Yorkshire . . . I'm not in work through that ——— Scargill, and it's him I can thank for being here."

In fact, the N U M president was not enjoying a steak dinner in Yorkshire. He was at a strike rally at Stoke on Trent and, after months of refusing even to acknowledge the existence of violence by miners, was busy distancing himself from what had happened at the Rhymney Road Common bridge in South Wales at 5.18 that morning.

The N U M, he assured a gathering of miners, "dissociates itself from any act of this kind."

Mandarins' first duty 'to people not the Government'

By MAURICE WEAVER
Industrial Staff

THE relationship between Mrs Thatcher and her Whitehall "mandarins," already sensitive following the Clive Ponting affair and the G C H Q union ban, worsened yesterday when senior civil servants overwhelmingly rejected the idea that their first loyalty was to the Government.

Annual conference delegates representing the 8,000 members of the First Division Association were told: "The Government does not own our bodies or our minds or our souls. Our overwhelming duty is to our fellow citizens."

Conflicting pressures

The association, whose members rank up to permanent secretary and in many cases have direct dealings with Ministers, decided to press the Government to accept a draft code of ethics to help civil servants to resolve dilemnas of conscience such as that which led Mr Ponting, a F D A member, to leak information on the Belgrano sinking.

Delegates called for the setting up of an independent tribunal to which Government employees could turn if they felt they were being asked to collude in or ignore Ministerial malpractices or co-operate in the non-disclosure of what they believed was crucial public information.

The one-day conference, held in London, was dominated by agonising over the "increasingly difficult" working relationships with the Government, which many felt was putting their traditional political neutrality at risk.

A national executive motion expressed regret at the present climate in Whitehall and complained that civil servants were "becoming subject to increasing and conflicting pressures with regard to their accountability."

When the executive sought to give guidance on that accountability, suggesting that "the primary loyalty of civil servants *must* be to the Crown, as represented by the elected Government of the day," it found itself at odds with the membership. The pararaph was removed from the motion.

Mr Geoffrey Arnold-Pinchin, a delegate from the Inspectors of Taxes office in Birmingham, told delegates: "Neither the Crown, nor the Government, nor Parliament owns me or you. I say to you that our overwhelming duty is to all the people of these isles."

Function of Crown

The code of ethics proposed by the association's executive, and given only qualified backing in its original form by a majority of the 272 delegates, seeks to set out the moral and ethical *responsibilities of* Government employees and to identify where their loyalties lie.

It argues that civil servants are "servants of the executive which is a function of the Crown carried out by Ministers who are accountable to Parliament."

There duty, therefore, is "diligently to pursue the implementation of Government policies unless they are in posts where statutory duties or professional responsibilities re-dently."

The central test is that civil servants should avoid identification with the political philosophy or any particular administration; but the outcome of yesterday's conference made it clear that the concept of automatic acquience to Ministerial policies is not secaptable to the union.

The delegates rejected the proposal that dissenting civil servants should confine themselves to approaching their superiors, seeking transfers or resigning if they got no satisfaction, and demanded a more structured procedure to get their complaints heard.

Failed to carry

Mr Alan Healey, the executive member wh argued the case for the code of ethics, failed to carry the delegates when he prosed that loyalty to Ministers was vital "because no process exists for holding civil servants accountable other than through their Ministers."

Earlier the conference rejected a motion from the Ministry of Defence's branch, to which Mr Ponting once belonged, deploring the association's recent departures "from its traditional position above politics."

Mr James Carruthers, representing the branch, expressed his members' dismay that the association had supported Mr Ponting and so been led into the party political arena.

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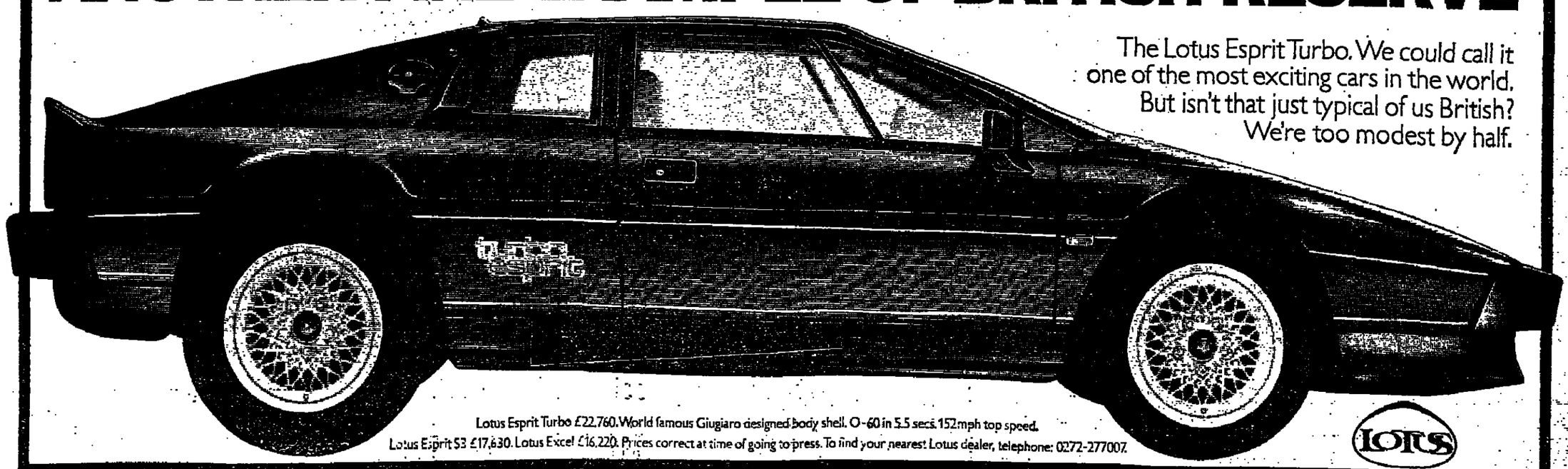

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'SEEDY LITTLE TRIO' GUILTY OF BILKING DUKE

By HEATHER MILLS Old Bailey Correspondent

THE son of the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S butler and two confederates, described by the prosecution as "a seedy little trio," will be sentenced at the Old Bailey on Monday for trying to exploit the duke's eccentric household accounting in a £150,000 cheque plot.

The jury took over 5½ hours yesterday to convict them after a three-week trial in which revelations about the 65-year-old peer's immense wealth and the liberalised way he spent it had overshadowed the criminal aspect.

The man who has been married for 44 years to Deborah, youngest of the Mitford sisters, admitted that he was on holiday in Devon with a woman when the cheques were stolen from his Mayfair house, once the home of Beau Brummell.

"I am a fortunate man and a rich man, and I come across people who are not as fortunate as I am, and I have over the years helped a variety of people," he told the court.

Pressed by Judge JOHN HAZAN, Q.C., to amplify his admission that he had provided finance for ladies to furnish flats and buy paintings — "What sort of age were they—young ladies, middle aged ladies or elderly ladies?" he conceded:

"All ages, though I must say there were more young ones than elderly ones."

By contrast to the duke's frankness in the witness box, the three men who tried to swindle him all blamed each other and gave conflicting stories.

As the judge said: "There is some hard lying going on somewhere."

Some hard lying going on

The jury heard that the butler's son, 26-year-old PETER CALLAGHAN, invited HERAKLIS "RICKY" KOUZOUPIS, 32, to the duke's home in Chesterfield Street and pointed out a drawer where the duke kept blank cheques.

Three were stolen, the duke's signature forged, and with the help of ANDREW SHELLIS two were cashed for £61,000 and an attempt was made to cash the third for £89,000.

Callaghan was convicted of stealing the cheques, and Kouzoupis and Shellis of passing them.

The £61,000 has not been recovered, but the loss will be borne by Nat West, the duke's bank.

Callaghan, 26, now a bar manager, of Leicester Street, Westminster, claimed Kouzoupis and another "tough guy" named Gordon Lubeck helped themselves to the cheques after he invited them in for drinks.

A taste for £100 shirts

He was too afraid to tell police because they had talked about guns, and he believed he might be hurt.

Shellis, 43, of Northolt Road, Harrow, did not give evidence, but in a statemnt to police claimed Kousoupis had fixed the duke up with the girl he was holidaying with, and the cheques had been given to her by the duke to buy a flat, furniture and paintings.

Kouzoupis, a 32-year-old Cypriot businessman, of Hereford Street, Acton, said to have a taste for luxuries like £100 shirts, denied that he had supplied any girls to the duke, or that he was a pimp.

He claimed his lavish lifestyle followed a £50,000 win at the bookmakers four years ago. He bought a £11,000 Rolls-Royce with gold plated bumpers and door handles.

He said Callaghan had asked him to help cash the cheques which were from the sale of paintings and were quite legal.

One of the things the judge will consider over the weekend is whether to confiscate the Mercedes, and whether to deportt he Cypriot.

Although neither the duke nor his wife wish to comment on his court revelations, anecdotes of his generosity abound.

On one occasion he was said to have overheard a complete stranger wish she had enough money to buy a particular dress. The duke immediately wrote her out a cheque.

'He's always doing things like that'

However, when she returned it a few days later, the duchess —known at Debo—told her: "My husband is always doing things like that."

The jury were given a further insight into the duke's somewhat eccentric behaviour when members of his "below stairs" staff went into the witness box.

His family motto, "Secure by caution," was not something he apparently adhered to. Callaghan's father, DESMOND, now a property developer in New Zealand, who was the Dukes butler for four years, said the peer would leave cash and cheques scattered through his home.

Yet his employer kept him seven months in arrears in wages, he said. "His Grace owed me a considerable sum of money."

PETER CALLAGHAN told the court his father acted as the duke's cashier and financed his social life in London.

"If His Grace was going out in London, he would call downstairs and ask my father for some money. There was an envelope pinned to the wall with cheques and cash in it.

Money all over the place

"Cheques and cash sir . . . you had to live in the house to believe it. They were all over the place, both blank cheques and cash."

The duke, who owns vast acres in Ireland, Yorkshire and Derbyshire, also owns the elegant seafront of Eastbourne. His family home, Chatsworth House, in the Peak District, is now in the hands of a trust, but the family are the beneficiaries.

He held office for the Tories in 1962 when he was minister of State, Commonwealth Relations Office, and in 1963 when he was Minister for Colonial Affairs. But he was an early defector to the ranks of the S D P.

He has always been a colourful character.

Just before his 65th birthday, estate workers asked him when he was going to retire.

His reported reply: "I've never worked a day in my life, so how can I retire."

UNDERCOVER BONANZA ON NUDIST BEACH

A women-only nudist beach on the Baltic coast in Soviet Lithuania has become the centre of a thriving black market, according to a Soviet weekly.

The women, buying and selling rare items such as amber, clothing, food and medicines at astronomical prices, are free from the threat of raids because the police force consists largely of men and the few women officers would not be seen without their uniforms, LITERATURNAYA GAZETA said.

Palanga, 180 miles from the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, is one of several segregated nudist beaches referred to as "health beaches," in the Soviet Union. It is, however, the only known nude black market.—Reuter.

Minister cleared of assault on girls

By JOHN SHAW

THE Rev. Clive Thomson, accused of three charges of indecent assault against girls aged 11 and 12, was acquitted at Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Thomson, 31, hugged his pregnant wife Sally after the jury returned its verdict following a four-day trial. The assaults were alleged to have taken place at the United Reformed Church at Coggeshall, Essex.

Mr PATRICK O'BRIEN, prosecuting, claimed Thomson touched the girls under and over their clothes and on one occasion removed an 11-year-old girl's knickers.

The incidents were said to have happened during Bible reading practice in the vestry and once in the pulpit during a rehearsal for a Christmas service.

But Thomson, who has a 19-month-old son, said in evidence that the allegations made by the girls were untrue. He could think of no reason for the accusations against him.

The minister, who lives in Hawkes Road, Coggeshall, has been on leave of absence at his own request since October, although he has still been attending services at the church. He moved to the village in August, 1983, a month after being ordained.

Mr Alan Sayles, secretary of the Chelmsford District Pastoral Oversight Committee, said after the hearing that Mr Thomson's future will now be considered by the Church.

"We will have to work out locally and nationally what is in the best interests of the minister, the Church and the community, including the parents.

"Something like this leaves scars on the community. We can't at this stage say whether he will return to take services at Coggeshall or go elsewhere."

2 FOUND HANGING

John Andrew Bayford, 28, was found hanging yesterday in his cell at Leeds Prison. He had been remanded by Keighley magistrates on a charge of burglary. In Birmingham Prison yesterday Matthew Gilmore, 21, was found hanging in his cell. He had been committed for trial on a burglary charge.

Elspeth Boyd in London yesterday after the marriage she never knew about had became the marriage that never was.

JP dismissed after joining CND demo

By STEPHEN BATES

A MAGISTRATE has been removed from the Bench by the Lord Chancellor after taking part in a CND demonstration outside her own court.

Mrs Kathleen Cripps, 49, of Hathersage, Derbyshire, was dismissed for refusing to give an undertaking to the Lord Chancellor that she would not take part in any more demonstrations outside court buildings.

She joined protesters outside the court at Bakewell last June to support an elderly friend who was refusing to pay a fine for obstruction at Greenham Common.

Yesterday Mrs Cripps said: "I do not accept the justice of the decision. I have broken no law an dit is my democratic right to demonstrate against anything I do not approve of."

Facing jail

Mrs Cripps, a Labour party member and a JP since 1981, said she had given an assurance that she would not sit on any CND-related cases and would not do anything to bring the magistracy into disrepute.

She joined the peaceful demonstration to support Mrs Margaret Roberts, 72, who was facing seven days in jail for refusing to pay the fine.

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Office said it would be open for Mrs Cripps to reapply to become a magistrate but, in the circumstances, it was unlikely she would be reappointed.

Magistrate in rape case row

TWO M Ps are urging the Lord Chancellor to consider removing from the Bench a magistrate who said the rape of a prostitute was: "a contradiction in terms."

The magistrate, Capt. Peter Richardson, sits at Waltham Forest Court.

Mr Eric Deakins, Labour M.P for Walthamstow, has written to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, asking him to investigate the case. Mr Harry Cohen, Labour M P for Leyton, is planning to do the same.

Capt. Richardson was hearing a case involving rape and robbery charges. When it was revealed that the victim was a prostitute, he remarked: "This is an odd thing. It is like a contradiction in terms—the rape of a prostitute."

Mr Deakins said yesterday: "If the remarks are correct, the person who made them displays a state of mind and attitude that suggests he may not have the ability to dispense justice fairly in the community."

Capt. Richardson, of Queens Road, Loughton, Essex, said: "I cannot comment on what went on in court."

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's office said Mr Deakins's complaint was received a few days ago and would be dealt with promptly.

MAN, 79, SHOT GIRL FOR REFUSING SEX

A jury has convicted a man aged 79 of shooting his 31-year-old girlfriend, ho said he went into a frenzy when she refused sexual intercourse.

Oscar Dunn was found guilty in Barton, Florida, of attempted second-degree murder for shooting Caroline Jackson after she said she wanted a nap before making love.

Dunn, freed on bail pending sentence, later insisted sex was not the reason. "There are too many other women," he said. —A.P.

Nurse never knew she had married Arab

A PRETTY blonde nurse who was married for over two years without knowing it won a decree of nullity in the Divorce Court yesterday.

ELSPETH BOYD, 26, met a 56-year-old Jordanian, MAHMED BESHABESHA, on holiday in Bulgaria in February, 1982.

Later he telephoned her in England to say his son from his first marriage to a Bulgarian woman had been killed.

She went to Jordan in July, 1982, and found herself a virtual prisoner in his brother's house looking after two of his children, covered from head to toe as an Arab woman and not allowed to go out.

She discovered he was still married and his son had not died.

Translation shock

In August Beshabesha gave her a form to sign which he said was for an extension to her visa, but within a few weeks he agreed to her pleas to be allowed to return to England, and she has not seen him since.

It was only recently that she discovered from a friend who understood Arabic the "visa" was a wedding certificate in which she had pledged marriage with the payment of one dinar as her dowry.

Yesterday Judge PATRICIA COLES, Q C, said she was satisfied that Miss Boyd, of Mount Avenue, Ealing, had not given her consent to the ceremony.

She ordered that the Home Office should be informed of the unllity to prevent Beshabesha using the "marriage" to gain entry to Britain.

Pc RESCUES SON

A policeman rescued his 18-year-old son, who was trapped with a broken leg in a bedroom of their blazing house. Pc Michael Connelly, of Dawlish, Devon, then led his mother, Lilian, 70, to safety.

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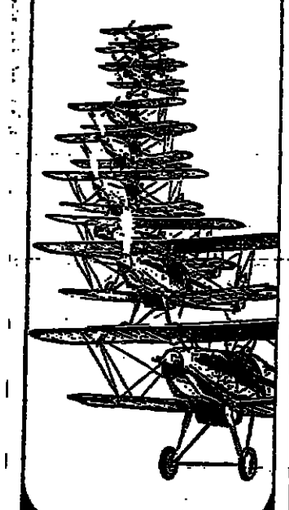

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SYRIAN TROOPS URGED TO END BEIRUT BATTLE

By CON COUGHLIN in Beirut

AS Israeli troops yesterday began the final stage of their withdrawal from South Lebanon pressure was mounting on Syria to send troops into Beirut to stop the latest fighting.

Talks in Damascus between rival Lebanese factions have so far been inconclusive but Lebanese leaders of all political persuasions were voicing support for Syrian intervention yesterday.

Syrian troops occupied Beirut in 1976 after the first round in Lebanon's civil war but now only occupy positions in the northern and eastern sectors of the country.

Nevertheless, they advanced towards Beirut following the revolt by Christian militiamen against President Gemayel's leadership in March.

The continued fighting along Beirut's "green line," caused by the political stalemate, has led to renewed calls for Syrian troops to return to Lebanon's capital.

Ex-presidents' plea

Two former Lebanese presidents, Mr Camille Chamoun and Mr Sulieman Franjieh, both Christian, said they believed Syrian intervention was the only way to restore law and order in Beirut.

Mr Franjieh, president in 1976 when the Syrians first occupied Beirut, also wants President Gemayel's resignation by the end of this month. He said conditions in Lebanon "threaten appalling massacres and grave dangers."

Only a "brotherly and military gesture from President Assad personally" could head off the impending disaster.

Druze and Shi'ite Moslem militias receive considerable backing and military support from Syria in their battle for greater political power in Lebanon and would support Syrian intervention.

Calls for action by Damascus were made as rival faction leaders continued their round of talks with Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam of Syria in an attempt to end political stalemate in Beirut.

So far no sign of any agreement has emerged from the talks which have been described as "make or break" talks on Lebanon's future.

But in an interview with the Lebanese Arabic newspaper Al Anwar yesterday Mr Khaddam, who has been given special responsibility for solving the conflict by President Assad, struck an optimistic note predicting an early solution.

He described the recent heavy fighting in Beirut as "the labour pain that precedes the birth of the solution." He emphasised Syria would not allow Lebanon to be divided into cantons, adding that the question of Syrian intervention had not been discussed but "when it does we shall take the proper stand."

The latest political crisis in Lebanon was caused by the revolt of Christian militia leaders in East Beirut.

Visitor from the Kremlin — Mr Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, spending the day in Leningrad where he received a warm welcome in the city's Victory Square. He called for a revolution in the economy and a common effort to combat alcoholism.

U.S. FACES SAVINGS THREAT

By ALAN OSBORN in New York

THE crisis that has affected privately insured savings institutions in Maryland in the past few days could spread to other states, financial analysts said yesterday.

Several thousand small savers with the 102 savings and loan companies were told by the Maryland authorities this week that withdrawals would be limited to around £850 a month.

The action followed a run on the companies by depositors after reports of financial mismanagement at the State's second largest "S and L" company.

The companies are a popular haven for small savers' money which they in turn re-lend for house purchase and educational purposes.

Maryland has many small savings companies that insure deposits through private firms but are frowned on by the government and large banks since some are too small to qualify for federal guarantees.

Besides Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have private insurance for savings companies. Earlier this year 71 savings concerns in Ohio were closed temporarily over problems to cover deposits.

Now a team of 340 federal banking examiners has begun work in Maryland to assess the condition of its institutions and speed up procedures for extending federal protection.

The impression is growing that these moves will effectively spell the end of private insurance for savings companies in America.

Duarte 'will seek pact' to end terror killings

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

EL SALVADOR'S president Duarte told President Reagan yesterday that he is seeking a dialogue with Left-wing guerrillas in an attempt to "humanise" the armed conflict in his country.

Senor Duarte, on an official visit to the United States, said he would try to persuade the rebels to stop their attacks on civilians. The guerrillas have recently begun killing mayors and other local government officials in what American officials see as a sign that the insurgents are losing ground.

"They are becoming increasingly desperate as the army is gaining the upper hand," said one official. "There has been a very considerable improvement in the military situation in recent months. The rebels are losing in the field, so they are turning to their old terrorist tactics."

Senor Duarte held two meetings with rebel leaders last year in an effort to bring an end to the conflict. The guerrillas have proposed a further meeting for next month.

But Senor Duarte said yesterday he would try to organise a series of "private meetings" with the rebels before agreeing to another broad round of general talks. It would be in these meetings that he would try to get an agreement that would reduce casualties among innocent civilians, he said.

President Reagan, after his talks yesterday with Senor Duarte, pledged once again to "thwart" Communist encroachment in Central America and called on Nicaragua to follow the democratic path set by El Salvador.

There could be no peace in the region until the Nicaraguans stopped supporting subversion against other countries and instituted democratic reforms, he said. Senor Duarte is one of the few Latin American leaders to support Mr Reagan's trade embargo against Nicaragua.

23 VIETNAMESE DIE IN THAILAND

By Our Bangkok Correspondent

At least 23 Communist soldiers have been killed since fighting between Thai forces and Vietnamese intruders erupted last week in Trat province, along the Thai-Cambodian border area, 170 miles south-east of Bangkok.

Between 800 and 1,200 Vietnamese troops crossed into the Thai province late last month in pursuit of Khmer guerrillas. Instead of withdrawing, the Communists set up a permanent base on a hill a half-mile from the Thai-Cambodian border.

Farm prices agreed except for cereals

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent in Brussels

COMMON Market plans to bring the costly cereal surpluses under control by imposing significant cuts in the official support prices grain growers receive foundered ignominiously in Brussels yesterday.

Community farm ministers took the unprecedented step of removing the most contentious issue, cereals, from this year's farm-price package.

The move enabled a deal to be struck on all the other aspects, including milk, meat, and fruit and vegetables. The ministers plan to return to cereals in Luxembourg on June 11.

The result was a triumph for West German intransigence, who had threatened to use the veto if pushed to a vote on the cereals issue. Bonn had resisted a cut in cereal prices that would hit its farmers' incomes.

Night-long session

Among the measures in the partial price package is compensation of West German and other farmers for the impact of the cereal price cuts that have not yet been agreed.

The partial farm price package was agreed last night after a 25-hour continuous negotiating session, the second successive night-long session during the four days of talks this week.

Altogether, six negotiating sessions spread over 18 days during the past two months have been needed to reach even this partial deal.

Mr Jopling, Agriculture Minister, has secured a year's retention of Britain's beef subsidy system, 40 per cent. paid for by the Common Market, which is under perpetual annual threat of abolition.

Had he lost this battle, retail beef prices in Britain would have gone up 7p lb and more British beef would have gone to swell the already record-high 600,000-ton European beef mountain.

But the deal is likely to bring a 1p a pack rise in butter prices, due to the abolition of the Community-paid British butter subsidy.

Dairy farmers are to receive an effective 2·5 per cent. increase in milk prices.

CARRINGTON CAUTION ON 'SPACE WAR'

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

BACKING for President Reagan's decision to proceed with his "space wars" research, came from Lord Carrington, Nato's head, yesterday but he said the West should not pin too many hopes on its success.

In clear support of the doctrine of countering massive Warsaw Pact conventional weapon superiority with the threat of a nuclear response, the former British Foreign Secretary took issue with American advocates of a softer approach.

"Our purpose must be to deter war of any kind, whether nuclear or conventional. We will not succeed in doing that if we fail sensibly to take full advantage of what new technology may have to offer, whether in the strategic or conventional field, he said in London.

"But we must be careful also not to count our strategic chickens before they are hatched and to maintain the political and technical underpinnings of our present strategy until we are sure we have something better to put in place."

In a speech to the Royal United Services Institution, which generally reflected the tradition that international civil servants do not express strong opinions, Lord Carrington permitted himself one criticism of what he called "his 16 masters" —the governments of Nato.

He spoke of the "chauvinism and nationalism" of Nato countries when it came to the arms industry.

POPE KEPT UNDER PRESSURE

By MICHAEL FARR in Luxembourg

THE YOUNG people of Luxembourg, which is 95 per cent Roman Catholic, yesterday asked the Pope the same burning questions that were posed during his difficult Dutch trip.

At a meeting in the courtyard of Echternach Abbey near the West German border, attended by 6,000 young people, many complained that the traditions of the Church sometimes stifled new ideas.

"Many of us do not understand, for example, why women cannot be ordained and why the law of the Church is so hard on divorced and remarried persons," one youth told the Pope.

More freedom

"We grieve to see the different Christian denominations still separated. Sometimes we would like to be supported rather than told 'thou shalt not'," the young man said.

Another young speaker said: "We want more freedom in the liturgical forms and emancipation for women. We wonder why priests cannot choose between celibacy and marriage.

But, as in his encounter with young people in the Netherlands, the Pope could only reaffirm the principles of the indissolubility of marriage and priestly celibacy.

"You said that the idea of marital fidelity until death causes you problems. You see all around you too many marriages breaking up, and I know how much suffering that entails," the Pope said.

"Some people are reluctant to enter into wedlock. But the pain and distress is the sign that breaking the sacred bonds of matrimony creates disorder and disfigures the image of God in man."

Open-air Mass

He added that those who grasped the grandeur of vocation would also realise the reasons for priestly celibacy.

During the morning the Pope led an Ascension Day open-air Mass in Luxembourg City. About 80,000 faithful, including Grand Duke Jean and his family, packed the Glacis Square for the celebration of the eucharist in brilliant sunshine.

In his sermon the Pope spoke of the darker side of the affluent society and its excesses.

"People today have been dazzled by progress and prosperity and often look only to the earth. They look no further than the world in which they are enclosed. They accept secularisation.

"They consciously organise their way of life merely on the basis of the realities of this world without any heed for God and his wishes."

CHINESE TOAST WATERED DOWN BY GANGSTERS

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Mao-Tai, China's renowned and extremely alcoholic sorgum-based spirit, always used for official toasts, is falling victim of the corruption sweeping the country in the wake of economic reforms.

Gangsters are watering it down, by using a special brew mixed from sweet potatoes and hot water.

Officials in Cangzhou, 100 miles south of Peking, have uncovered the racket, which involved 60 bottles of mao-tai being tampered with to make 7,000 bottles of the fake drink. Each bottle of mao-tai costs the equivalent of £8.

BRITISH SAILOR TO STAND TRIAL

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Robert Heaton, 28, a sailor from Sunderland, was committed for trial in Taiwan yesterday on a charge of manslaughter after a fire in a British freighter killed three people including a Briton, Mr William Mercy, 52, of Cardiff.

Two other Britons, Mr Robert Laverty and Mr Michael Murphy, are recovering in a hospital in the southern port city of Kaohsiung, where Heaton is being held. The ship, the 91,000-ton Sir Alexander Glen, left Taiwan on Friday for Singapore after unloading coal from South Africa.

CHINESE TOUR OF EAST BLOC

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Li Peng, a vice-premier and rising star in Peking leadership, arrived in East Berlin yesterday for a six-day official visit.

He is also to tour Poland and Hungary to "strengthen ties of friendship," according to the New China news agency. Then he goes to Moscow, where he is due to sign a trade pact covering the next four years.

SPAIN SHUTS NUCLEAR PLANT

Spain's state nuclear regulatory agency yesterday shut down a nuclear plant after detecting a malfunction in a steam generator valve.

The agency said the problem did not pose a threat of radioactive contamination at the Almaraz-2 unit in south-western Spain. Almaraz-2 is a pressurised water reactor supplied by the American firm Westinghouse.—Reuter.

News Roundup

Terror-raid alert across Sri Lanka

By IAN WARD in Colombo

Colombo were placed on maximum alert yesterday after intelligence reports predicted Tamil terrorist attacks in the capital and surrounding areas over the next few days.

Several hundred Sinhalese, 140 miles north in Anuradhapura, scene of Wednesday's massacre of 146 civilians by separatist Tamils, stoned the sacred city's main police station in protest at the lack of positive Government reaction.

Although army units, supported by helicopters, launched pursuit operations there appears to be widespread public concern that the security forces were left glaringly flat-footed by the incident.

Police and army commanders have made no attempt to explain how the 25-strong band of Tamils, abroad a hijacked bus, were able to pass police posts on route to their intended target areas, spend some 20 minutes shooting down civilians in the Anuradhapura streets, and then retreat.

Making matters worse is the public knowledge that the Government had been warned of just such an attack. Meanwhile, security forces yesterday killed 18 guerillas in a raid on their training camp in Eastern Province, Reuter reported.

Falklands airport under fire

Argentina has opened a new front in its dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands, accusing the government of creating a military base that would play a strategic role in any East-West Conflict.

Senor Dante Caputo, Argentine Foreign Minister, declared in Washington that the dimensions of the New Falklands airport, go far beyond defences that might be needed against an eventual Argentine attack. In any case, such an attack had been ruled out by the civilian Argentine Government."

Hindu-Moslem death toll 122

Hindu-Moslem clashes have erupted again in the west Indian city of Ahmedabad, raising the death toll to 122 since fighting began six weeks ago over a policy of job and college quotas for backward economic groups.

The Press Trust of India said crowds set fire to buildings in several curfew-free areas. In one suburb a hotel was set ablaze. Troops stepped up patrols and the curfew was extended from the city's old quarter to the new trouble spots.

Arms clampdown in terrorism fight

Mr Gandhi's Government, struggling to stamp out terrorism in the Punjab and in the north-eastern region, introduced new deterrent legislation.

The minimum sentence for illegal possession of weapons is raised to three years and the upper limit to seven years. There are also stiffer terms for the possession, sale and transfer of weapons, particularly firearms.

Brazil's Cuba link criticised by U.S.

Plans by Brazil's new civilian Government to restore diplomatic relations with Cuba have been criticised in Sao Paulo by Mr Anthony Motley, the Washington State Department's Assistant Secretary for Latin America.

Brazil had more to lose from the step, he said. Sporting and cultural links with Cuba are already strong but Brazil does not plan to revive trade links.

Bulgaria admits terror killings

Bulgaria admitted fatal terrorist attacks and said Parliament was to discuss legal measures to fight terrorism and drug smuggling.

Bulgarian exile sources in Vienna claimed five people died in a bomb explosion at Plovdiv railway station last August. Another seven died last March in a train "incident."

Basque bomb

A Basque terrorist car bomb killed one policeman, blinded another and injured six others and at least two passers-by.

The 22lb bomb set by the ETA separatists wrecked two police vans in a convoy of 10 vehicles outside Bilbao.

BA to Baghdad

British Airways resumes flights this weekend to Baghdad, suspended two months ago when the Iraq-Iran war intensified. Flights to Tehcran remain suspended.

Peso devalued 40 pc

Bolivia has devalued its currency, the peso, by 40 per cent to 75,000 from 45,000 to the United States dollar as it struggles against an annual inflation rate of 8,200 per cent.

SWISS JOBLESS CUT

Swiss unemployment continued to drop last month but the difference was not enough to lower the 1·1 per cent. rate recorded in March. The government reported 32,891 unemployed workers in April, 1,846 fewer than in March.

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'SPY CARGO' LAUNCH FOR NEW SPACEPORT

By IAN BRODIE at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California

AMERICA'S second spaceport is ready. The massive £2 billion installation has been built at Vandenberg missile base, on a remote peninsula off the California coast, 175 miles north-west of Los Angeles.

Its first launch of the space shuttle Discovery, which will be based at Vandenberg, has been set for March 20 next year, six months later than originally planned.

The delay is because of a backlog of missions for Discovery at the Kennedy Space Centre, Florida.

Discovery will carry a secret military cargo, presumably a spy satellite.

More than half of Vandenberg's four to 10 flights a year will be for the Pentagon.

The United States Government has built the second spaceport because of its need to put spacecraft into polar orbit.

Shuttles must be launched over water so that booster rockets and external tanks can be jettisoned safely.

As a result, launches from the Kennedy pad are all towards the east.

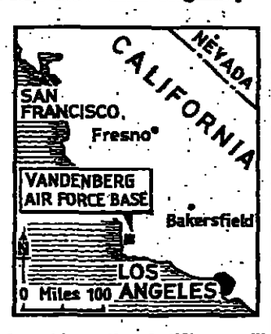
This puts them into orbits which are generally within 30 degrees of the equator, leaving northern and southern regions of Earth, including most of the Soviet Union, beyond their scope.

On the Vandenberg peninsula, shuttles will be launched across water to the south and will not pass over land until reaching Australia.

A southward launch will carry the shuttle on a flight path crossing the south and north poles on each journey around earth.

With earth spinning on its axis, satellites launched into polar orbit from the shuttle will be able to photograph any section of the globe.

Of course, many Soviet and American spy and weather satellites are already in Polar orbit, having been launched with expendable rockets.



'$10 billion mistake'

Many critics argue these "old-fashioned" boosters are still the best, given the high failure rate for satellites launched from the shuttle cargo bays.

But no one in NASA or the Pentagon is yet ready to confess that the manned shuttle programme was a $10 billion mistake. Instead, they press on with final testing of the Vandenberg launch-pad, and what an impressive place it is.

Its core has three giant hangars, each 20 storeys high and moveable on rails.

When a shuttle is being prepared for flight, the buildings can be drawn together, providing cover from the frequent sea-drizzle.

No less important, the enclosed space also affords concealment from the prying cameras of Soviet satellites.

Once a shuttle is ready for launching, the buildings will be rolled apart.

At least 1,500 ICBM and other rockets have been fired in relative secrecy over the years from other launch-pads at Vandenberg and more than 500 satellites have been boosted into orbit.

With the arrival of the shuttle, launches will remain somewhat secluded.

Spectators will not be able to enjoy the spectacular sight of the spacecraft lifting off, as they can in the flat terrain of Cape Canaveral, because the Vandenberg launch-pad is cradled between steep hills.

Even if the public is allowed on the base—and that has still not been agreed—they will be kept so far distant that the shuttle will be at 1,200 feet before it becomes visible over the rim of the downs.

Air force control

Scant details will be released about military flights, in contrast to NASA's policy of candour for civilian missions.

Although the spacecraft will continue to be flown by NASA, operational control at Vandenberg lies with the American Air Force which has overcome its initial reluctance about the shuttle.

Last August there were dramatic allegations of dangerous construction flaws at Vandenberg.

Two silhouetted men, speaking with disguised voices, told NBC that the launch site was "an accident waiting to happen" and that probably everyone in the area would be killed on the first Shuttle launch attempt.

After an official inquiry, the Under Secretary for the Air Force, Mr Edward Aldridge, acknowledged that inspectors had found 6,000 "discrepancies" including 700 defective welds.

He insisted that all the problems had been, or were being, corrected and there were no long-term safety problems.

Scientists to study Raleigh ruins find

By KEITH NURSE
Arts Correspondent

AN 18-strong team including three archaeologists has set out to examine the ancient ruins uncovered in the rain forests of Honduras by a patrol from the Operation Raleigh expedition.

The patrol discovered a vegetation-covered site in a remote area about 60 miles inland from the Honduran Mosquito Coast.

The finds included a 40-foot mound surrounded by large triangular stones, some of them four feet high, spread over a four square kilometre area.

Initial reports suggested that the ruins could be those of the legendary Ciudad Blanca — White City — tales of which date back to the days of the Conquistadors in the early 1500s.

Indiana Jones

But a leading archaeologist, Ricardo Agurcia Fasquella, who manages the Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History said: "The great White City is a hoax as far as I am concerned. It is something straight out of Edgar Rice Burroughs and 'Indiana Jones.'"

An Operation Raleigh official in London said: "Although we are looking at sites in the area of the mythical Ciudad Blanca, what seems to have been stumbled upon are pre-Colombian ruins normally found in that region. There is nothing white about the material found on this site so far and the area involved is only small."

A steam engine leaving Nuremberg station yesterday as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the West German railway. Steam locomotives were taken out of regular use 10 years ago.

PIRATES 'KIDNAP FOR RAPE'

By THOMAS NETTER
in Geneva

PIRATE attacks on Vietnamese "Boat People" fleeing in rickety craft over the China Sea have increased recently, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in Geneva.

U.N. officials report a new tactic by the pirates is ramming the precarious boats after having kidnapped young women in an effort to destroy evidence.

In all, pirates in the South China Sea killed 61 Vietnamese "Boat People" in 1984, raped 110 women and kidnapped hundreds more.

More people are now leaving the country under the "orderly departures programme" run by the U.N. with the co-operation of the Vietnamese.

A total of 55,000 people left Vietnam by aircraft under this arrangement in 1984 and, so far this year, for every 1,000 still fleeing by boat, some 2,000 are leaving by plane.

Passed on

The U.N. High Commission is alarmed by the attacks, especially since its "anti-piracy" programme involving local authorities' co-operation since 1981 made dents on the number of pirate attacks.

There is concern, however, that the tendency of the pirates is now to attack seeking victims to rape instead of robbery. The women are apparently raped repeatedly and passed from one pirate boat to another, officials say.

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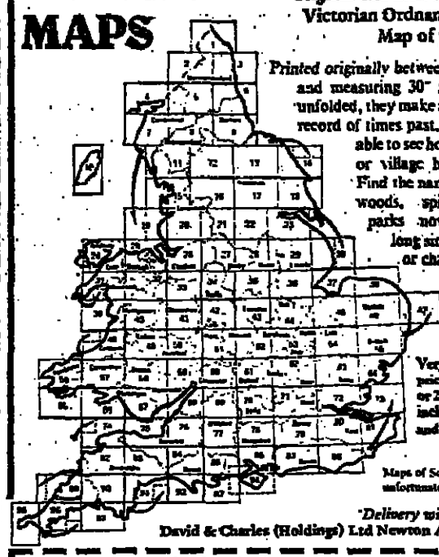

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Black U.S. firms grow faster than rivals

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

BUSINESSES owned by black Americans recorded above average growth in 1984, but are still far from becoming a force in the white-dominated US marketplace, according to a survey.

Turnover of America's 100 largest black-owned concerns grew 10 per cent. during the year, outstripping the 6·9 per cent. growth in the overall market, BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine reported.

The biggest black-owned business last year was the Chicago-based Johnson Publishing Company, which owns the successful black-oriented magazines JET and EBONY, and also manufactures a popular line of cosmetics under the brand name of Fashion Fair.

The survey showed Johnson had sales of $138·9 million (£115·7 million), up 17·7 per cent. on the previous year.

Booming sales

The increase was said by company spokesmen to be due to improved advertising revenues from the magazine division, and booming sales of cosmetics specially designed for black skin.

Johnson's success enabled it to remain narrowly ahead of the second largest black-owned company, Motown Industries, the entertainment and music recording group, which had a hugely profitable year.

The success of black musicians like Stevie Wonder and Lionel Richie helped increase Motown sales by 26 per cent. over 1983 to $137 million (£114 million).

No 'side-show'

Construction companies in Georgia, computer software groups, a hair care product company and car dealerships were among other black-owned firms enjoying expanding growth.

Mr Earl Graves, publisher of BLACK ENTERPRISE, said his survey showed that the largest black-owned companies were "no longer part of the side-show" of American business, but had become "part of the main event."

MEXICO IS MAKING ON AIDS PILL

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS
in New York

AMERICAN sufferers of Aids are flooding into Mexico to buy an experimental drug called Isoprinocine, reputed to help stave off the deadly disease.

Isoprinocine is not legally available in the United States, but sold across the counter at Mexican chemists.

Many victims of the disease are too desperate to wait for Isoprinocine to be tested and approved by Washington's Food and Drug Administration.

"It's very upsetting to see all my patients running to Mexico and being taken advantage of before it's been proved whether this drug has any effect," said Dr Donald Abrams of the San Francisco General Hospital Aids Clinic.

Preliminary research on Isoprinocine indicates that it may be helpful for patients in the early stages of Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome.

But doctors say it might be months before the Food and Drug Administration is ready to approve general usage.

When rumours about Isoprinocine spread through the American homosexual community, the group most susceptible to contacting Aids, a black market quickly grew.

Texas border officials said a 20-pill box sells in Mexican chemists for about $2·50 (£2) but in San Francisco a single tablet can fetch half that.

Mr Chuck Frutchey, information officer for the San Francisco Aids Foundation, said the rush to Mexico reflected the helplessness many homosexual men felt at the medical community's inability to find a cure.

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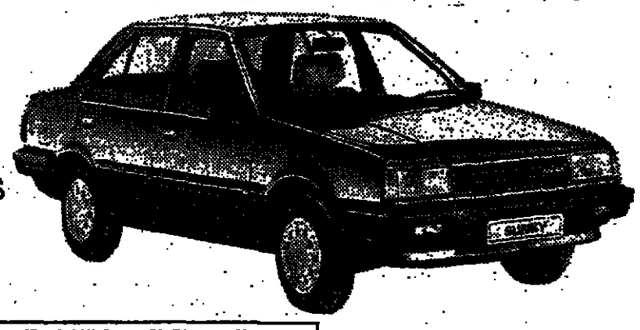

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ANTI-MOB LAWS TO LET POLICE CURB DEMOS IN ADVANCE

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

CONTROVERSIAL powers for the police to control the size, location and duration of demonstrations are among proposals for major reform of public order law in a Government White Paper published yesterday.

While the police would have no power to seek a ban on static demonstrations as they have when dealing with marches and processions, they would be able to impose wide-ranging conditions if they feared serious public disorder.

This would include the risk of damage to property, serious disruption to the community or coercion of individuals.

The new powers, if enacted in legislation which the Government is expected to introduce in the next session of Parliament, would enable police to try to shift demonstrations from outside embassies or factories.

They would also be enabled to seek to limit the numbers taking part in mass picketing or attending football matches where serious crowd trouble is expected.

Organisers of static demonstrations or mass pickets will not be required to give advance notice of their intentions to the police. But such notice will be required of all those organising marches and processions.

Organisers risk jail and fines

Knowingly failing to comply with police conditions which can either be imposed in advance or on the spot will be a new criminal offence with heavier penalties for those organising or inciting others to defy the police.

They will face a maximum three months' jail and a £1,000 fine, while for those who merely participate in meetings or demonstrations in breach of police conditions the maximum penalty will be a £400 fine.

Police decisions to impose conditions on demonstrations will be subject to challenge in the courts by judicial review. But such challenges are only likely to be of practical effect when the police impose conditions well in advance of a known demonstration.

In addition to the new powers for the police to control static demonstrations or open-air meetings, the White Paper proposes wider police powers to impose conditions on marches and processions.

Police will not only be able to impose conditions where they fear serious public disorder but also where they fear serious disruption to the local community or the coercion of individuals.

The offence of intimidation under Section 7 of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property, which was widely used in the miners' strike, would carry a power of arrest and increased penalties of six months jail or a £2,000 fine instead of the present three months' jail or £100 fine.

'Fear of unlawful violence'

Other proposals would implement with some modifications the recommendations of the Law Commission that the present major public order offences of riot, affray and unlawful assembly which have been developed under the Common Law should be replaced by clearer statutory offences.

The widely-used offence of Section 5 of the 1936 Public Order Act which penalises those who use threatening words or behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace will be redrafted to cover conduct intended or likely to cause fear of unlawful violence.

It will be extended to cover private as well as public places, with only conduct in the home being excluded.

The Government is also considering and seeking comments on whether a new minor offence of "disorderly conduct" is needed to help to curb hooliganism on housing estates and elsewhere which causes alarm and harassment of local residents.

It suggests a possible new offence of disorderly conduct to catch those who behave in an abusive, threatening or disorderly manner, causing people to be substantially alarmed, harassed or distressed.

Another proposal would tighten the offence of incitement to racial hatred under the Public Order Act by extending it to penalise conduct *intended* to stir up racial hatred as well as that *likely* to do so.

The exemption for material published or distributed within an association would be removed, and there would be a new offence of possessing racially inflammatory material with a view to distribution or publication.

It would be accompanied by police powers of search, seizure and forfeiture.

The White Paper follows a comprehensive review of public order law initiated by the previous Home Secretary, Viscount Whitelaw, after the Southall disturbances in April 1979.

More chance for prevention

Its scope was widened to take account of the Law Commission's recommendations for reforms of the old Common Law public order offences, and the conclusions take account of the major disorders of recent years such as the 1981 riots and the violence during the Grunwick, Warrington and miners' disputes, and football hooliganism.

The Government says its aim is to provide a "balanced legal framework in which the police have the necessary powers to prevent and deal with violence and disorder while freedom of speech and the right of protest continue to be safeguarded."

The review revealed no yawning gaps in the law, says the White Paper. But there are important points where the law can helpfully be extended and clarified: mainly in improving the opportunities for the police to try to prevent disorder or disruption before it occurs.

But "no amount of tightening of the law, short of draconian measures, which would be quite unacceptable, can guarantee the preventation of all disorder."

It had "sought to fill the genuine gaps in the law in a way that provides the police with the necessary powers without infringing civil liberties and without creating obligations and expectations of the police which they cannot meet."

Commenting on the White Paper, Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, said freedom of association and freedom of speech were essential in any democratic society, and must be given full and effective protection.

"But people also have the right to protection against being bullied, hurt, intimidated or obstructed, whatever the motive of those responsible may be, whether they are violent demonstrators, rioters, intimidatory mass pickets or soccer hooligans.

"I believe these proposals will contribute in a practical way to protecting both sets of freedoms."

In its detailed proposals, the White Paper says the Government is determined to uphold the right of peaceful protest while ensuring the right is not abused by those who caused disorder or disruption to others in the community.

Race hatred is no disqualification

The Government agrees with the Commons Home Affairs Committee that the risk of serious public disorder should continue to be the sole criterion for the police seeking a ban on marches and that the existing machinery for seeking a ban should remain the same.

It rejected suggestions that marches might be banned on grounds of disproportionate costs, or on grounds—favoured by the Trades Union Congress, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Board of Deputies of British Jews—that they might incite racial hatred.

It suggests, however, that consideration should be given to enabling a police authority to take civil proceedings for the recovery of policing costs from the organisers of marches or demonstrations where conditions imposed by the police had been breached.

While continuing the same criterion for banning marches, the White Paper says the scope of bans should be narrowed so that in addition to the existing provisions for "blanket bans," there should be power to ban single marches.

There should be a national requirement for organisers to give the police advance notice of a march or procession at least seven days before, or as soon as possible.

Religious, educational and ceremonial marches customarily held in an area would be exempt, but in other cases organisers who failed to comply with the requirement to notify would be liable for a new offence triable summarily with a maximum penalty of £400.

Police powers to impose conditions on a march or procession which at present apply only where they fear serious public disorder, should be extended to cover serious disruption of the local community or the coercion of individuals. It should also be made clear that the power cover fears of serious damage to property.

Any decisions by the police to impose conditions on marches and processions will be subject to judicial review in the courts. A wider range of senior police officer will have power to impose conditions.

A ban would limit rights

On the controversial proposals to control static demonstrations and meetings, the Government says a new power to ban demonstrations would be a substantial limitation on the right of assembly and the right to demonstrate.

Meetings and assemblies were "a more important means of exercising freedom of speech than are marches: a power to ban them, even as a last resort, would be potentially a major infringement of freedom of speech, especially at election time."

But the Government agreed with the Common Select Committee that in the light of major disorder associated with static demonstrations in recent years, it was no longer acceptable that they should be completely exempt from Public Order Act controls.

Police should have power to impose conditions on the size, location and duration of open-air assemblies, demonstrations or meetings, including mass demonstrations in support of pickets and football crowds.

As with their powers to impose conditions on marches, police powers would be limited to assemblies that "threaten to result in serious public disorder, serious disruption or the coercion of individuals."

The White Paper suggests that the new power might be used for example, to move a National Front rally to a less sensitive area, to move demonstrators further away from a factory in circumstances similar to the violence in the Grunwick and Messenger Newspaper Group dispute at Warrington.

Where police feared serious public disorder at a football fixture they could also use the power to impose conditions limiting the number of spectators.

Peaceful pickets need not fear

The White Paper stresses that the right of peaceful picketing will not be infringed and that pickets whose purpose is peacefully to persuade or communicate information "will have nothing to fear" from the new controls.

But where the effect of the picketing was physically to obstruct or to intimidate rather than to persuade, the police would have powers to impose conditions about the numbers or location of pickets.

The circumstances would often be those where a breach of the criminal law was likely to occur. But the Government did not intend that the power should be used to undermine the rights of pickets in reasonable numbers to stand by the entrance to a workplace.

After reviewing the law following the Libyan People's Bureau shooting in April last year, the Government has concluded that special controls on demonstrations by foreign nationals are not practicable or desirable.

12 are needed for a riot

In its implementation of the Law Commission's proposals that the old Common Law offences of riot, rout, unlawful assembly and affray should be replaced with statutory offences, the White Paper says there should be four new offences of riot, violent disorder, affray and threatening behaviour, in descending order of seriousness.

Riot would apply where 12 or more people use or threaten violence to person or property for a common purpose and their conduct would "cause a person of reasonable firmness" if present at the scene to fear for his personal safety.

Any prosecution would require the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions and would be triable only on indictment and punishable with up to 10 years' jail.

Violent disorder could be charged where three or more people were using or threatening unlawful violence to person or property, whether in a public or private place, so as to cause fear.

This would be triable either by a jury in the Crown Court, where the maximum penalty would be five years jail and a fine, or summarily by magistrates with a maximum penalty of six months jail and a £2,000 fine.

Affray would apply where two or more people threaten violence against each other or other people so as to cause fear.

It would normally be used to deal with fights outside pubs or clubs and the Government is proposing that it should be triable by magistrates as well as in the Crown Court, where the maximum penalty would be three years jail and a fine.

Threatening behaviour would cover those who use threatening, abusive or insulting words of behaviour which is intended or likely to cause another person to fear violence or to provoke the use of violence by others.

This revised offence under Section 5 of the 1936 Public Order Act will only be triable summarily and carry a maximum six month jail sentence and/or a £2,000 fine.

(Review of Public Order Law. Stationery Office. £4·70.)

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Nerys Hughes, the actress, in Hyde Park yesterday with pupils of Dawn House School, Rainworth, Notts, which is run by the Invalid Children's Aid Association. The pupils were focussing attention on a race day to be held at Doncaster racecourse on May 25, together with an auction in London, in aid of a £250,000 school extension appeal.

'Political role' feared in control of pickets

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

THE police would be forced into playing a political role by the Government proposal to give them advance power to control picketing, Mr GERALD KAUFMAN, Shadow Home Secretary, said in the Commons yesterday.

MR BRITTAN, Home Secretary, defending the proposals in his White Paper, said where any open-air assembly, such as an unruly football crowd or an intimidatory mass picket, threatened to result in serious public disorder the police should have additional powers.

These would be limitations on the number of people present, the location and the duration of the assembly.

Mr KAUFMAN said the police would be placed in the intolerable position of becoming the political agents of the Government's industrial and political policies.

Mr BRITTAN retorted: "Anyone who witnessed the scenes over the years o fthe miners' strike would regard it as irresponsible not to have taken action."

Peaceful picketing

He was proposing that police would have the power in advance to ensure there would not be disorder on the picket line.

"Nobody who is seriously interested in industrial relation being conducted in a peaceful way should do other than welcome these proposals," he declared.

He added later: "Nobody who wishes to picket peacefully has anything to fear from any proposals in this White Paper. The only people who will regret it are those who wish to turn disagreement into turmoil and democracy into mob."

Mr KAUFMAN also complained about the proposal that organisers of marches should give seven days' notice to the police, subject to exemptions for religious and traditional processions and for those for which longer notice was not possible.

He criticised the amount of notice to be required, and said: "We are very worried that the police will be forced into making a political decision about the nature of a march and whether it should be allowed to proceed."

Legal challenge

Mr BRITTAN said that the advantage of giving a longer period of notice was entirely with those who wished to have a march. It would enable arrangements for the peaceful conduct of the march to be agreed with the police.

If the conditions were regarded as unreasonable they could be challenged in the courts.

Mr Brittan inicated that the proposals could be used to avoid any repetition of an incident like the murder of WPc Fletcher, outside the Libyan People's Bureau, after Mr IVAN LAWRENCE (C. Burton) had said there had been no power to stop a demonstration there, despite a warning that there would be serious trouble.

In reply, Mr BRITTAN said there would be a power to move demonstrations to avoid disorder.

'Right to discipline'

HARRIET HARMAN (Lab. Peckham) said the proposals had "more to do with suppressing people who dare to disagree with the Government rather than preventing disorder." They would mean that even if the march was entirely peaceful it would be a criminal offence if notice had not been given.

The Government's attitude seemed to be that "democracy was all right as far as it goes and si not allowed to go too far."

Rejecting her remarks BRITTAN said that protesters would continue to have a right to disagree with the Government, and his proposals would enable that disagreement to be expressed in an orderly way.

There was some criticism of the Home Secretary's failure to ban marches and meetings of extreme Right-wing parties.

Mr DEREK SPENCER (C., Leicester, S.) referred to "tremendous problems" resulting from a British National party election meeting in his constituency, and asked if any hope could be given to his "long-suffering constituents."

Racial hatred

Mr BRITTAN said consideraprocessions on racial hatred tion had been given to banning grounds, but that would involve the police in making political judgments.

"I shrink from interfering with the electoral law," he told Mr Spencer.

FAN WHO HIT Pc IS JAILED

Andrew Dupplaw, 26, of Beechfield Road, Ware, Herts, who climbed over a fence at Chelsea football ground and punched a policeman during the match with Sunderland on March 4 was jailed for 15 days at Horseferry Road Court yesterday.

"It is because of people like you that it has been suggested that this fence should be electrified, caging people in like sheep, except sheep don't behave wildly," Mr Eric Crowther, the magistrate, told Dupplaw.

Rossminster sues Revenue for £7m over tax raids

By GUY RAIS

A WRIT for £7 million damages against the Inland Revenue and the police was issued in the High Court yesterday by Rossminster, the company which provided tax avoidance schemes, and by four accountants and a former MP, whose offices were raided by tax inspectors nearly six years ago.

The writ has been issued more than a year after the Inland Revenue itself issued claims totalling several millions against some Rossminster executives, who have appealed against the assessments.

Yesterday's writ includes a statement of claim running to some 60 pages setting out claims and complaints over the raids in July, 1979.

Rossminster, whose directors have always maintained they acted quite properly, went into liquidation in 1982, after ceasing its banking operations the previous year.

The raids, by about 100 Revenue officials and Scotland Yard detectives, described by Lord Denning, then Master of the Rolls, as "military-style" operations, were on the group's Mayfair offices and the homes of Mr Ronald Plummer, joint founder of the company, and Mr Tom Benyon, former Conservative MP for Abingdon.

Legal wrangles and political debates followed the raids.

Loss of earnings

The writ issued yesterday includes claims for loss of earnings amounting to £252,000 by Mr Plummer and £927,000 by Mr Roy Tucker, a chartered accountant who was associated with the company, which alleges that investors withdrew £2 million in one week following the raids.

The claim by Rossminster totals £5,491,000, and there is a further claim for £277,000 by AJR Financial Services.

Mr Benyon, of Adstock, near Winslow, Bucks, is suing in his capacity as the firm's marketing director from 1971 to 1978.

The writ alleges that the Revenue acted "without reasonable skill or care" in authorising the raids, and that the police acted in excess of their lawful authority. It claims that the raids destroyed Rossminster's business and damaged the professional reputations of those associated with the company.

The damages are sought from the Revenue, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and two senior tax inspectors.

JUDGE CURBS £3,500m CLAIM

AFTER 14 years of fighting to establish a £3,500 million claim against the clearing banks, RICHARD HUGH WILLIAMS was declared a "vexatious litigant" by a High Court judge yesterday.

The ruling by Mr JUSTICE GLIDEWELL means that Mr Williams, 69, retired management consultant, of Brynrhedyn Farm, Glan, Conwyn, Clwyd, must obtain clearance from a judge before bringing court case. The judge would have to decide whether he had a reasonable chance of success.

Mr Justice Glidewell said Mr Williams claimed that a system by which cheque numbers can be magnetically recorded and read had been "filched" by the banks. He contended that had the banks paid the compensation due since his first court action he would have been richer by £3,500 million in Britain alone, with much more from America.

'Low opinion'

Mr Williams, who had always represented himself because he had "a very low opinion of solicitors and barristers," had been ordered to pay costs running into thousands of pounds. But after making himself bankrupt he has not paid any.

The judge said he made the order of the application of the Attorney-General not only to protect others from further costs but also to protect Mr Williams.

The judge said that while many years ago Mr Williams had invented a system, it neither looked like nor produced results like the one in use.

'Nice day out'

After the hearing, Mr Williams said: "I am not deterred at all. I will go to the European Court of Human Rights."

He agreed he enjoyed going to court.

"It's a nice day out. It's no use at home now, all I would be doing is feeding the sheep.

"It's only cost me about £40. I stayed overnight in the Salvation Army hostel.

"These court actions did not make me bankrupt. I made myself bankrupt, but I am not bankrupt now."

Consultants sent home after payments inquiry

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

TWO senior hospital consultants have been sent on leave with full pay following an inquiry into cash payments due to the NHS from private practice, it was disclosed yesterday.

Dr Terry Marshall and Dr Peter Fletcher, who hold £30,000-a-year posts at the general pathology laboratories at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, have been called before a meeting of the West Midlands Health Authority on June 12.

They are the first doctors to be sent home following a national inquiry ordered by Mr Fowler, Health Secretary, into the collection by health authorities of fees from private practice.

'Persistent failures'

The inquiry found that many district health authorities had failed to collect money from private practice and had ignored instructions to do so from the Health Department.

Last month Sir Gordon Downsey, comptroller and auditor-general, refused to certify fully the accounts of 166 health authorities because of "serious and persistent failures" to collect private fees.

A spoksman for the West Midlands Health Authority said the two men had not been suspended but had been "given authorised leave of absence."

Their case would be discussed at the authority's meeting next month

A spokesman for the British Medical Association said it was taking up their cases.

Dr Marshall said the whole thing was a "silly business"

He added: "I have not been accused of doing anything dishonest and there is no suggestion at any time that I have been fraudulent."

SECOND BIG WIN

A former £80-a-week cleaner has won 35,000 in a national spot-the-ball competition after winning £100,000 in a Premium Bond draw last year. Mr Dennis Hackett, 54, of Chidham, near Chichester, Sussex, has been a bond winner more than 50 times.

METER FIDDLE FINE

Stephen Walsh, 26, a travel agent, of Chelmsford Close, Newham, was fined £250 at Clerkenwell Court yesterday for jamming a parking meter in Holborn with a paper clip.

Gallup Poll

Two in three old folk feel unsafe after dark

NO FEWER than two in three senior citizens—that is 63 per cent. of those aged 65 and over—now feel unsafe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark, according to Gallup Polls conducted for THE DAILY TELEGRAPH on the general topic of violence.

Gallup asked a number of questions on local crime and what can be done to prevent it. The first of these dealt with how safe people felt walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark.

The following table shows the replies for the public and separately for men and women, and for the elderly. The differences between the sexes is noteworthy:

	Total	Men	Wmn	65+
Very safe	23	38	9	6
Quite safe	40	45	36	32
Not very safe	20	13	27	30
Not at all safe	16	4	27	33
Don't know	1	0	2	0

Gallup then asked how well the police dealt with crime in their area:

Very successful	12
Quite successful	46
Not very successful	24
Not at all successful	7
Don't know	11

Those in fear for their personal safety are most critical of the police. Almost one in two, 48 per cent., of those who feel not at all safe in their local area think the police have been at best "not very successful" in dealing with crime:

Very successful	11
Quite successful	33
Not very successful	54
Not at all successful	14
Don't know	9

Combatting crime

Gallup then asked people what could be done about crime. For each of six ideas, they were asked whether it would help a lot to reduce crime, help a little, or would not make any real difference. Two in three believed that putting more police on foot patrols and fewer in squad cars is an answer.

	Help a lot	Help a little	make no difference	Dont know
Putting more police on foot patrol and fewer in squad cars	67	21	11	1
More neighbourhood anti-crime patrols	51	29	17	4
The death penalty	50	15	29	6
More drug rehabilitation programmes	49	27	15	9
Better schools	48	22	25	5
More job training programmes for young people	44	23	30	3

This Gallup study was conducted among two separate nationally representative quota samples, interviewed April 17-22 (1022 adults), and April 10-15 (1020 adults).

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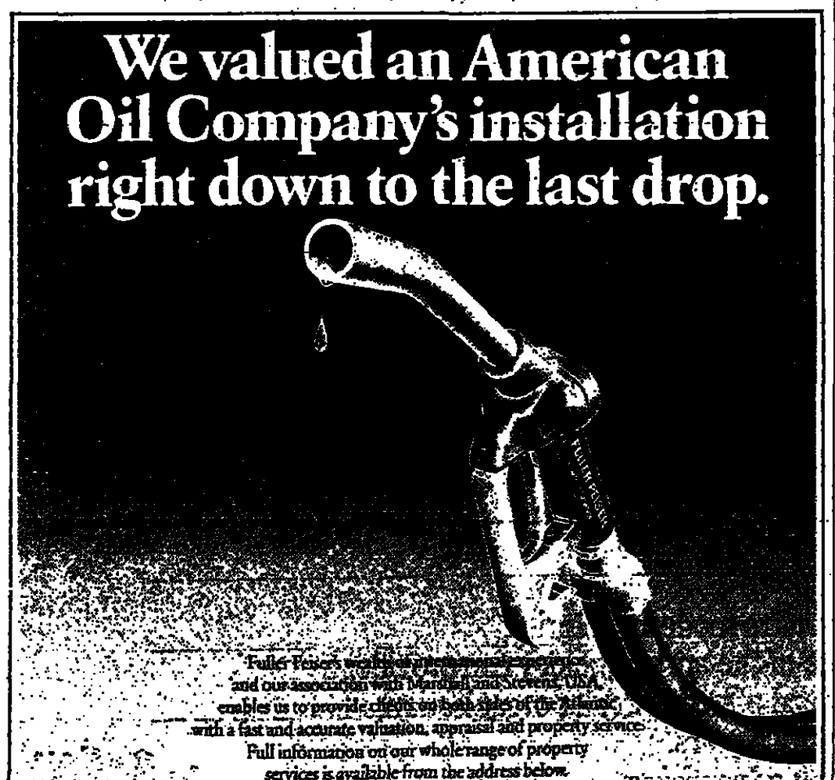

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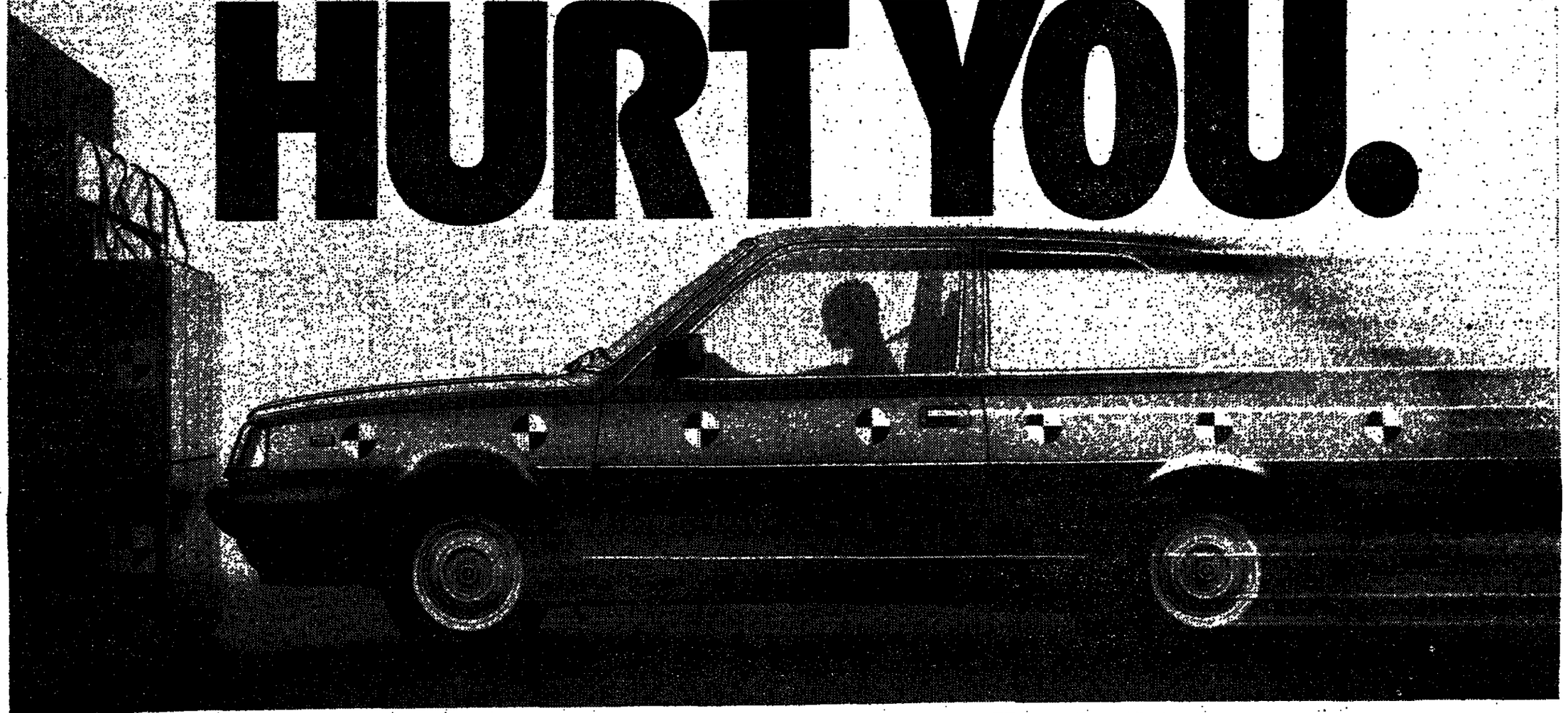

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SCRAP PENSION DISCRIMINATION, URGES OWEN

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

REFORM of the State earnings-related pension scheme, but not its abolition, was advocated yesterday by Dr Owen, leader of the Social Democratic party.

Addressing the annual conference of the National Association of Pension Funds at Harrogate, he proposed detailed changes to cut the cost of the scheme, which the Government is planning to abolish.

Under existing arrangements the State earnings-related pension — Serps — tops up the basic pension and will enable those on average earnings to retire on half pay when the scheme matures at the turn of the century.

But it will force up National Insurance contributions in coming years as the workforce shrinks and the number of retired people claiming pensions rises.

Proposing changes in the scheme, Dr Owen said that sex discrimination should be abolished and the pension paid to those over 65—instead of to women at 60 and to men at 65—as at present.

Best 20 years

Widows who have a Serps pension in their own right should not also be able to collect their husband's as well—as under present arrangements.

He also proposed changes in the rule which enables a Serps pension to be calculated on the "best 20 years" of an individual's earnings.

Dr Owen said it was calculated that these changes would cut the costs of Serps by about half over the next 40 years.

"Introducing them would keep the basic structure and give us time to see if some of the most pessimistic forecasts actually materialise.

"Further savings could be made if the amount of earnings eligible for Serps was limited to a totally fixed sum instead of keeping the present limit of 1½ times average earnings, which benefits the better off."

Crucial point

The crucial point was that if, despite these changes, pensions of one quarter of real earnings were still too expensive to sustain in the 21st century under Serps, it was a mistake to believe that the private sector would be able to provide them more cheaply.

"Costs aside, it is very questionable whether the private sector will fill the gap if Serps is dismantled."

Before company and State earnings-related schemes were invented, people did not save adequately for old age and there was little evidence that this would change significantly after Serps' abolition.

"That is why the Government is reported to be in favour of replacing Serps with compulsory, and not voluntary, private pension provision although, without additional resources, this would bear most heavily on below-average income earners."

Dr Owen said that immediate destruction in the State pension age would be extremely costly but the SDP wanted men and women to be given the option of retiring between 60 and 65.

'NO SDP IF GAITSKELL HAD LIVED'

By Our Political Staff

DR DAVID OWEN said last night that there would probably have been no need to launch the SDP if Mr Hugh Gaitskell had lived to take Labour into government.

The SDP leader said that it was because Labour had adopted defence, social and economic policies which Gaitskell had adamantly opposed that a new party had been needed.

"Had Gaitskell lived, the politics of fudge and nudge in the 1960s and 1970s would not have taken place and debauched the currency of Centre-Left thinking," he said in the Gaitskell memorial lecture at Nottingham University.

"Labour has moved so slowly into the Marxist embrace that many have not noticed how fundamentally incompatible their policies and attitudes now are with operating in a highly competitive world market economy."

Labour lost

Dr Owen, in a major analysis of the philosophy behind the SDP and its relationship with the socialism of the Labour party, argued that Labour had lost its way and that it was the SDP that was exploring "new directions" in social policy.

With the exception of Gaitskell's opposition to the Common Market, he argued, the policy stances of the Labour leader, who died in 1963 — against nationalisation, against unilateralism — were now represented by the SDP.

"That does not mean that Hugh Gaitskell, who would have been nearly 75 when the SDP was formed, would have left the Labour party," he said.

"I personally do not believe he would have done so, if for no other reason than that, had he lived, I suspect the need for the creation of the SDP would never have existed."

Political decline

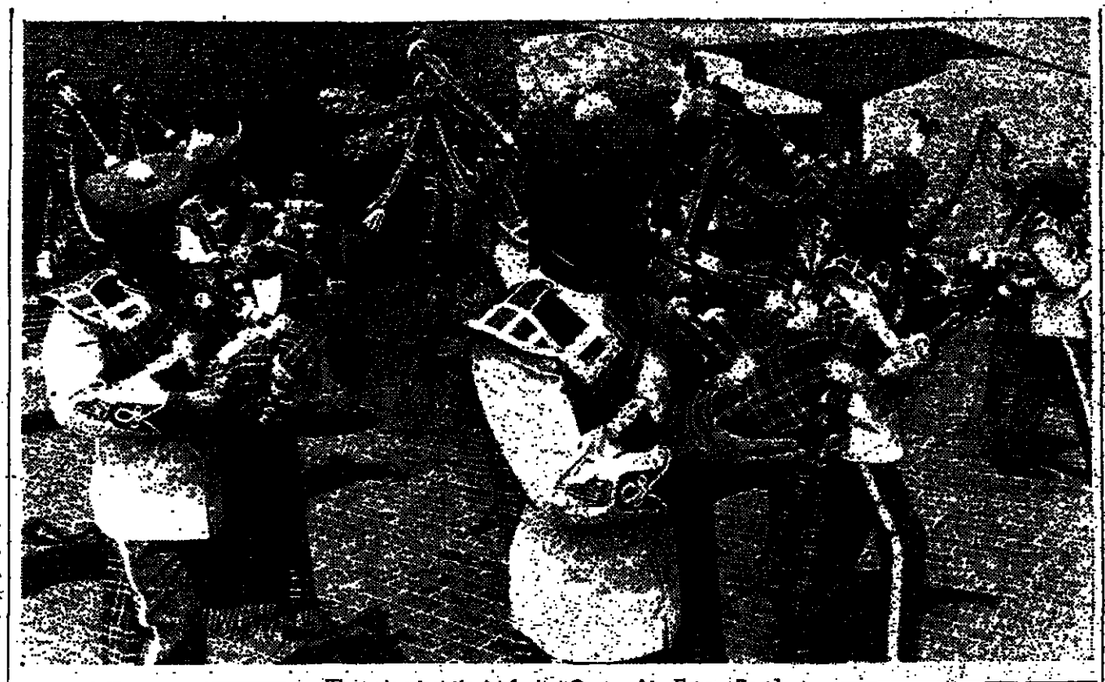
Dr Owen placed particular emphasis on the "Marxist" nature of clause four of the Labour party constitution which Gaitskell tried unsuccessfully to have deleted, and which commits the party to "common ownership."

He argued that the "political decline" of Labour as it had continued to present policies aimed at implementing clause four in whole or in part had been mirrored by "the economic decline of the nation."

Labour's policies on ownership, he said, had not only been harmful to the economy but unpopular with the general public. This had now been belatedly recognised with the dropping of opposition to the sale of council houses.

But the party was committing itself to take back shares in formerly State-owned companies which had been "privatised" by the Conservatives.

Dr Owen said that this device had failed to stop small investors and workers in the industries concerned from buying shares in British Aerospace and British Telecom, and would not deter them from taking shares in British Gas.



The pipe section of the Oman Air Force Band, wearing specially designed tartans, entertaining a lunchtime audience at the Barbican yesterday to Arab as well as Scottish airs. They will join the band of RAF College, Cranwell, at a graduation ceremony a week today when Omani students will be among those passing out.

ALLIES AGAINST ALLIANCE

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

TORY and Labour groups on county councils where no single party has control are prepared to let their opponents take power rather than join with the Alliance.

The Alliance has failed to oust the entrenched party in five of the seven hung councils which have so far held their annual meeting.

In East Sussex Labour, which has been bitterly critical of the Conservative group, refused to vote for the Alliance nominee for chairman and virtually guaranteed the Tories four years of control.

Key budget role

In Northumberland on Wednesday, the Tories refused to vote for the Alliance candidate for the chairmanship of the council. They allowed Labour's Mr Edward Teasdale to be re-elected and Mr Keith Robinson to become leader.

Labour also has an overall majority of one on the key policy and resources committee which oversees the budget.

The Conservatives' 100-year rule of Warwickshire ended yesterday when the Alliance decided to back Labour to run the county council.

At the recent elections, the Tories won 26 seats, two more than Labour, but the Alliance's 10 members are backing many of Labour's policies.

The Alliance has taken committee chairmanships in Cambridgeshire and agreed proportional representation on committees in Essex.

But elsewhere, parties which lost overall control but remained the biggest single party have been able to form administrations. Thus, for the time being at least, the Tories will continue in office in East Sussex, Oxford and Hampshire.

Watch on Avon

In the five counties which Labour lost because of no overall control, the party is expected to form administrations. A key indicator will be Avon.

But Labour has lost control of Northamptonshire, which it ruled for four years with Liberal support. The single Independent on the new hung council voted with the 34 Tories to give the Conservatives the chairmanship of the council and committees.

Mr William Morten is Northamptonshire's new leader.

But a different pattern of voting has emerged in elections for the executive committee of the Association of County Councils which chooses most of the members for the employers' side of the Burnham Committee, currently negotiating teachers' pay.

The association, which has been Tory-controlled since it was formed, also plays an important role in briefing and lobbying MPs and members of the House of Lords.

Hope for 80 seats

The Government may find it more difficult to get controversial legislation through the Lords if the Conservatives lose overall control as now seems likely.

Privately Tories believe that they will retain about 80 of the 180 seats on the executive council and remain the largest party.

In both Oxfordshire and Cambridgeshire, Labour and the Alliance combined to deprive the Conservatives of the four seats in each shire.

In Essex the Tories have conceded a seat to the Alliance, though this is balanced by the extra seat they have picked up in Northamptonshire.

The Alliance is particularly annoyed that Labour would not support it in Hampshire in the re-election to the Association of County Councils executive of Mr Philip Merridale, leader of the management side in the teachers' pay dispute.

Mrs Margaret Clay, secretary of the Association of Liberal Councillors, said last night: "It is beginning to look like an old pals act at the moment. The Tories and Labour are prepared to support each other rather than work with the Alliance."

In Hampshire, the Tories have taken three Association of County Councils seats and the Alliance and Labour one each.

'Ideas thieves' make £60bn by copying

By JENNY SHIELDS

FROM the most mundane kitchen utensil to high-fashion clothes, French perfumes and hi-tech equipment, design plagiarism or the illegal copying of well-known branded products—is a major industry which generates an estimated £60 billion of world trade each year.

The theft of ideas from designers and manufacturers, who may have invested a lot of time and money developing their products, results in a quick and easy profit for the copyist — who has no concern for the safety or quality of the goods he sells.

In the end, the consumer—who has either been tricked into making a purchase by the convincing packaging—or who believes he has picked up a genuine bargain—suffers.

So too does the employment situation — as the market is flooded with cheap counterfeits, jobs in the "real" industry are lost.

According to the Design Council — which is about to launch the Design Protection Advisory Scheme to give practical assistance to manufacturers for whom design plagiarism is a problem — there is no incentive for designers to invest in new ideas if they have no protection against cheap imitations.

Clever deception

An exhibition currently running at the Design Council in London called "Imitation—Fair or Foul?" highlights some recent examples of design plagiarism.

At a quick glance, the bottles of Gordon's gin in their export livery of orange and yellow and the slim, square bottles of Johnnie Walker's Red Label looked real enough.

But closer scrutiny revealed some clever deceptions. In the same distinct typeface the word "Gordon's" had become Golden's" — from Spain, "Boston's"—from Nigeria and "Garden's"—from Ethiopia.

Johnnie Walker became "Thomas Jansen," "Lucky Johnnie Walk" — and, most audacious of the lot "Johnnie Hawker" — all from Indonesia.

Another widespread practice is the copying of high fashion clothes. When two British designers, Angela Salmon and Georgina Greene, saw cheap versions of their £125 linen day-dress—which they were selling to exclusive shops—appearing in a chain store, they took legal action and were awarded £20,000 damages.

Stanley Tools, renowned for the quality of their product, are all too familiar with cheap copies of their goods, many of which come from Taiwan, which is not a signatory to any of the international copyright conventions set up to protect designers outside their own countries.

When Stanley Tools do find counterfeits on sale they take radical steps—and bulldoze the lot.

Horror stories abound. Tales have come from America of heart pacemakers which have been fitted with fake parts—a discovery which was only realised after the supposedly life saving device had been fitted to a hapless patient.

Mr Peter Mawdsley is the principal investigating officer for Merseyside County Council. In an area with chronic unemployment he says people are particularly susceptible to "bargains" which more often than not turn out to be disappointments.

In the past week, trading standards officers in the county have seized thousands of pounds worth of counterfeit street-fashion clothing.

Weekend Food

Fruit and vegetables the best bet

By BRENDA PARRY

WITH TEMPERATURES changing hugely from day to day, it is virtually impossible trying to plan a week of menus.

But the best barometer for planning is the quality of seasonal vegetables available in the markets at the weekend.

Whether the day is hot or cold, fruit and vegetables can be served whichever way you choose. This weekend you should find vast quantities of excellent quality tomatoes in the shops at very reasonable prices.

The price of cauliflowers is also beginning to fall, with a good cauliflower selling for 50p-60p. There is plenty of good quality imported potatoes and superb quality English asparagus; while mushrooms, leeks, spring cabbage and carrots are falling in price.

At long last home-produced lamb is becoming affordable with legs available in some places for about £1·70 a lb. Beef prices, which have been stable for months, will almost certainly rise a little next week.

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Leeds	£20·28	−20
Manchester	£20·21	−20
Newcastle	£20·03	−46
Cardiff	£19·80	−31

'Slow' food price rise

Food prices are rising slower than the general rate of inflation, Mrs Peggy Fenner, Junior Agriculture Minister, said yesterday. She said in a Commons written reply: "In the year to March 1985, food prices increased by 5·6 per cent. and the retail price index by 6·1 per cent.

1·6m HOMES DODGE TV LICENCE

By HARVEY LEE
Television Staff

TELEVISION licence fee dodgers will deprive the BBC of £100 million a year by 1989 if current trends continue, the Home Office has warned.

At present there are some 1,600,000 households using unlicensed sets, and according to Home Office estimates the number of defaulters could reach two million in five years.

"If existing trends continue by the year 2200 nobody will be paying a licence fee," Sir Brian Cubbon, permanent under-secretary of State at the Home Office told a Commons public account committee.

Replying to a recent National Audit Office report on licence fee collection and evasion, Sir Brian disclosed that a firm of management consultants had now been appointed to review the arrangements by which licence revenue was collected by the Post Office on behalf of the Home Office.

He told MPs: "Consultants have been appointed with the agreement of the Post Office to make recommendations on the contractual arrangements between the Home Office and the Post Office and to lead to a new system in collecting the revenue.

Payment incentives

"The review will include incentives for payment and will provide for regular monitoring and information management."

Sir Brian confirmed that the Home Office had been considering fixed penalties for licence evaders since 1982.

However he added: "It will not be easy to fix an amount that would be an effective deterrent without its being unduly harsh in individual cases of hardship."

In 1985, one in three of those prosecuted for evasion were fined less than the £46 licence fee. Some 18,600,000 licences were sold, and £763 million raised, from which the Post Office, as collecting agents, deducted £16 million in counter charges and £29 million for enforcement work.

'Getting worse'

Licence evasion currently deprives the BBC of at least £65 million a year, and the figure is rising.

"Things are bad, very bad, and getting worse," said Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Melton and a member of the committee.

The Home Office pointed out that new legislation would be needed before a fixed penalty system could be imposed.

An inquiry headed by Prof. Alan Peacock is now being set up to look into alternative funding of the BBC, including the possible introduction of advertising.

LEWIN TO CHAIR PRIVATISED SHIPYARD

Lord Lewin, chief of the Defence Staff during the Falklands campaign, has been appointed chairman of the Brooke Marine shipyard in Lowestoft, bought by a consortium from British Shipbuilders earlier this month.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin joined the Royal Navy in 1939 and had a distinguished war career, serving in Malta, North Russia and in the D-Day invasion.

The managing director of Brooke Marine, Mr Fred Henderson, said: "His knowledge and long experience of maritime requirements in many parts of the world will be of great value to us in securing new work for the yard."

50 JOBS TO GO

Godfrey Holmes, a car components firm, is to close its administrative operation in Lincoln with the loss of 50 jobs. GKN, the parent company, is to concentrate its clerical operations on its Banbury office, making Lincoln staff redundant.

SPEARHEAD FOUND

A small piece of metal dug up in a Derbyshire garden was identified yesterday as a 1,000 BC bronze spearhead. It was found by Mr Harold Worsley, 82, of Bembridge Drive, Alvaston.

Stock Exchange secret ballot to beat vote 'vetting'

By A. J. McILROY

SIR NICHOLAS GOODISON, chairman of the Stock Exchange, is to insist on a secret ballot next month when its 4,500 members vote on controversial major reforms.

"Even if no one else were to ask for it, I shall see that it is a secret vote," he has told members.

There have been rumours that partners and principals in some of the major London-based Stock Exchange firms have been exerting pressure on their associates to vote in favour of the reform package.

There are 1,800 associates employed or working with Exchange firms, so how they vote on June 4 and 5 will have a crucial effect on the outcome.

The main change proposed by the Exchange's ruling council is the lifting of the 29·9 per cent. limit on outside ownership. This will allow international banking, insurance and other financial institutions to buy 100 per cent. control of member firms.

Committed buyers

Smaller member firms have protested to Sir Nicholas that partners and principals with the bigger firms stand to "scoop in millions of pounds" by selling control to outside buyers.

All leading member firms in the Exchange have already got committed buyers.

Representatives of several groupings of smaller firms, who have been resisting key aspects of the 52-member ruling council's proposals, have expressed private concern that, in order to push the reforms through, many associates are being told by partners and principals how they must vote.

A number have complained that these votes "are, in effect, being vetted."

A senior Exchange member close to Sir Nicholas said last night: "This has arisen, we are sure, out of the natural concern of partners and principals with the bigger, mainly London-based firms of brokers and jobbers over how their associates will vote.

'Urging support'

"What they are doing is sending out letters to these associates urging their support and, in some cases, asking for positive reassurances.

"Sir Nicholas and the council are determined that the voting in June will be beyond questioning as to its fairness. That is why it is to be a secret ballot.

"As always with our meetings, there will be a vote of those present by a show of hands. That will be on June 4, but it will be only an indication, since the full membership will be voting by proxy if necessary, in a ballot on the following day. No one will know how a member voted."

There are 215 member firms of the Stock Exchange, 98 in London.

Smaller firms are protesting that the assets, traditions and business management within the Stock Exchange "are as much ours as they are any other members." But international outside buyers were not interested in buying control of their firms.

Simple majority

The ruling council decided to propose a shares scheme within the Exchange giving each member five shares, as a form of compensation for smaller members.

A simple majority is required next month to get through the proposals clearing the way for outside control of member firms, while a 75 per cent. majority is needed for much of the rest of the reform package, including the compensation scheme.

This scheme is crucial to the whole package. The newly-constituted member firms of the future Stock Exchange will each require 100 shares, and these must be purchased from existing Stock Exchange members.

MANCHESTER HOSTILITY TO REFORMS

MANCHESTER members of the Stock Exchange showed their hostility yesterday to the proposed major reforms put to them by Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Exchange's chairman.

A number of the 80 Manchester Stock Exchange members said that Sir Nicholas "came from London to talk to us as if everything had already been decided, or to say we had no choice but to co-operate."

Another member said: "One or two members might be more inclined to listen further because of some modifications of the reforms since they were originally put to us, but we have no big firms here on the scale of those in London, and no one is happy about these changes.

"On the one hand we have the big member firms in London making millions because they will be able to go ahead and sell control to outside international banks and insurance institutions.

"On the other, we are being told—and that 'we' is people like us who do not have big businesses that outsiders are interested in buying up—that we must be content with whatever compensation arrangements the Exchange's ruling council feels it can recommend.

Hard time

"We are all members of the Stock Exchange. Each member, big or small, has one token share.

"The Stock Exchange, its traditions, expertise and connections, belong to every member; but it is the bigger member firms who stand to make millions out of the changes we are being told to vote for."

Sir Nicholas was speaking personally to members in Manchester and Liverpool after seeing signs of softening resistance on Wednesday when he talked to the Stock Exchanges in Leeds and Scotland.

The reaction of the majority of Manchester members was reminiscent of the hard time given to Sir Nicholas earlier this month when he addressed three meetings of London members on the proposed changes.

Without the support of enough provincial members the chances of Sir Nicholas getting the 75 per cent majority he needs are rated unlikely, which is why he has undertaken his tour. Today takes him to Bristol and Birmingham.

POLICE DRIVER '75pc TO BLAME' FOR DEATH

A police officer answering an emergency call was driving "much too fast" when he knocked down and killed a pedestrian, Judge Harris said in the High Court yesterday.

He awarded £22,500 damages to the dead man's father, Mr Donald Sparrow, of Colchester, Essex, for the loss of his son, Paul, 26, who was hit by an unmarked police car while crossing Edgware Road, in central London, on March 26, 1982.

He found Sgt Anthony Smith, the driver of the car, guilty of negligence, but ruled that Paul Sparrow was 25 per cent. to blame because he had not taken sufficient care in crossing the road.

M5 DEATH

Avon and Somerset Police said yesterday that the vehicle involved in an accident on the M5 near Cleveden on Tuesday, in which a six-year-old boy died after being sucked through a side window, was not a Land-Rover as initially reported by them but a Portuguese-built Transcat.

PRINCE'S ADVICE

Prince Phillip, who opened science laboratories and a computer centre at Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex, yesterday told the 500 boys there: "It is more important that you should leave school clean, well-behaved and polite than as geniuses."

ROYAL TOMB RESTORED

The tomb of Edward, son of Richard III and the last Plantagenet Prince of Wales, has been restored in the North Yorkshire village of Sheriff Hutton.

He died more than 500 years ago but the tomb, in the church of St Helen and the Holy Cross, was damaged during the reign of the Tudors. It was discovered in 1824 covered in thick whitewash which was not removed for 60 years.

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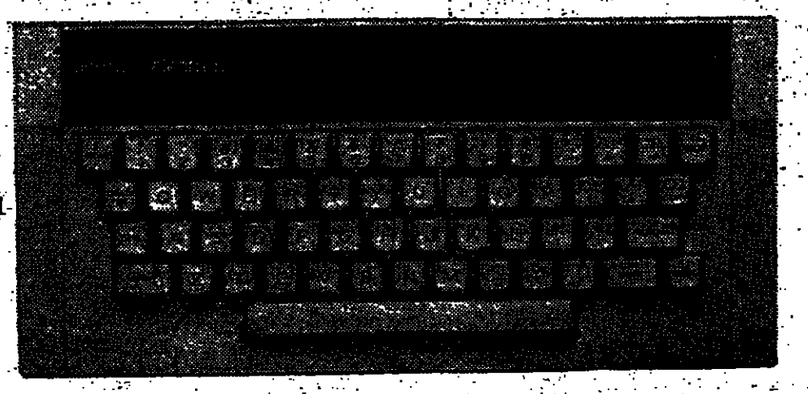

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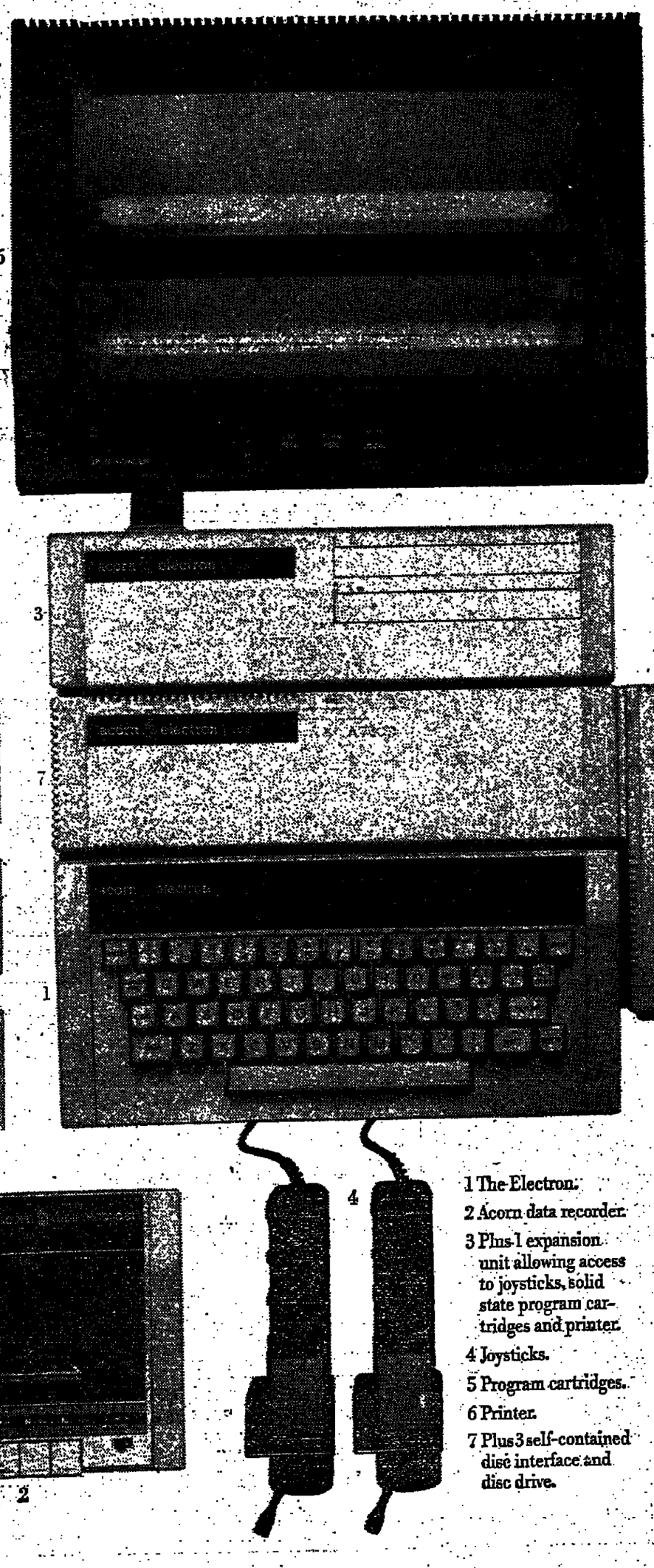

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PEERS GIVE WARNING OF DISSENT ON PHONE-TAP BILL

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

WARNINGS were flashed in the Lords yesterday that the Government's Interception of Communications Bill might not receive the smoothest passage when peers debate it in detail.

Both Lord Mishcon (Lab.) and Lord Harris of Greenwich (Soc. Dem.) signalled discontent with some of its contents while giving a general welcome to provisions approved in the Commons which set parameters for legal telephone taps and mail surveillance.

Lord MISHCON, Opposition legal spokesman, approved a clear and comprehensive statutory framework for both.

He recalled that it was a successful vote in the Lords last year on the Telecommunications Bill which opened the way for this when the Opposition forced a division.

Viscount Whitelaw was keeping his report stage promise to bring in statutory controls and, indirectly if not directly, the Lords were parents of this latest measure.

Need for control

Interference with the privacy of telephone conversations, the post and other communications was anathema to all of them. But the State must deal with espionage, terrorism and the prevention of crime.

That included tracking down drug traffickers and people of that kind. It was impossible to say telephone tapping should not take place—though it had to be controlled to protect privacy and the liberty of the individual.

But this Bill missed the opportunity to deal with certain mechanical and electronic devices. There was a need to consider whether provisions for a tribunal to oversee the way the Home Secretary used his powers should be revised.

It was not good enough that a single tribunal member could have the final word with no appeal right to question it.

Why should not the Commissioner, reviewing the whole process, report to a Parliamentary select committee and not just to the Prime Minister, as the Bill proposed, so that MPs and peers might know what was going wrong or right, he said.

Other parts of the Bill were a nonsense as they stood.

When the liberty of the subject was at stake, peers would want to review them with the greatest care.

Lord HARRIS also noted that the Government had brought the Bill forward without any reference to the fact that the only reason for it was the Government's defeat last year in the Lords.

But he believed telephone and mail interception to be highly necessary in clearly defined and strictly limited circumstances.

In dealing with those involved in serious crime it was essential, particularly with the most alarming increase in narcotics trafficking.

Highly professional criminals were establishing relations with both the Mafia and counterparts in South East Asia and South America.

Both Customs and police should receive every encouragement to use their powers to bring them to justice.

Subversive organisations from the Eastern bloc threatened the democratic societies with highly sophisticated espionage. He believed the Bill got the necessary interception just about right.

'Dreadful' record

Collaboration was growing between terrorist organisations around the world, which provided further justification for its provisions.

But with the damage done to security by spies, he believed the Bill should cover far wider territory.

For over 40 years our security record has been dreadful and damaged gravely our relations with the United States to the immense benefit of the Soviet Union.

Burgess, Maclean, Philby and Blunt were all involved in the intelligence community while passing on our highest secrets.

Blake, an intelligence officer, caused the deaths of some of our agents in the East. Geoffrey Prime had served as a Soviet agent for 15 years, first in the Services then at GCHQ. More recently, Michael Bettany offered his services as a spy.

Lord MISHCON: State must deal with spying, terrorism and crime prevention.

The Lords had to consider if it was necessary to write in statutory requirements concerning the accountability of MI5 and MI6.

Too sensitive

While Government had said these matters were too sensitive to allow any outsider to become involved, he hoped they would not repeat it.

The argument was hard to accept when Congress in the United States had oversight over both the FBI and the CIA.

It would be foolish to say more damage would have been done to our vital interests if a committee of Privy Councillors had existed to be some persistent monitoring.

It was essential that those in the security services should be able to voice their genuine concerns to some independent person who would report to the appropriate Government Minister.

The Bill received an unopposed second reading.

Police urged to fill vacancies

By Our Parliamentary Staff

IF there should be any under-recruitment of police within local authorities, "I urge them to come up to establishment," Mrs THATCHER said in the Commons yesterday.

She had been repeatedly challenged by Mr KINNOCK on what she planned to do to counter a 30 per cent. rise in serious crime since she became Prime Minister.

Crime had also been going up in other countries, Mrs THATCHER replied.

Her government, unlike its Labour predecessor, had substantially increased the size of the police force—by 12,000—and had also increased the amount of equipment available to them.

Mrs Thatcher 'books' Centre Forwards

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

OPPOSITION taunts about the "dissidents" in her own ranks, including the newly-formed Conservative Centre Forward group led by Mr Pym, failed to ruffle Mrs Thatcher in the Commons yesterday.

She held aloft a copy of the book "Centre Forward — a Radical Conservative Programme" written in 1978 by Dr Rhodes Boyson, a Minister at the Northern Ireland Office and far removed from the "wets."

Amid laughter on both sides, the PRIME MINISTER commented: "I am delighted to find he has so many new supporters."

Mr IAN WRIGGLESWORTH (Soc. Dem. Stockton, S.) said that in recent economic debates in the Commons 25 per cent. of Conservative backbench contributions had been critical of Government strategy.

"That indicates, along with the establishment of dissident groups on your own backbenches, the total failure of Government policy in dealing with unemployment," he said.

The Prime Minister should listen to the proposals being made on both sides and stop carrying on thinking there was no alternative — an absurd notion.

Mrs THATCHER retorted: "No. I shall not stop carrying on. I shall carry on."

'Crocodile tears'

Mr ROBERT PARRY (Lab., Liverpool, Riverside) asked the Prime Minister: "In view of the wide divisions in your party, would you stop shedding crocodile tears and state that you are concerned about unemployment?"

When Mr Parry went on to refer to the Centre Forward group, Mrs ELAINE KELLETT-BOWMAN (Co., Lancaster) provoked laughter in which Mr Pym joined by shouting: "It's disintegrating."

Continuing his theme, Mr PARRY, who also cited a critical speech by Mr Tan PICTON, chairman of the ory Reform group, demanded of Mrs Thatcher: "Will you now state whether the lady is for turning, and if not why not?"

It was then that Mrs Thatcher flourished Dr BOYSON'S book.

Mr WRIGGLESWORTH: Total failure in dealing with unemployment.

MPs PROPOSE COMMONS SPEED-UP

By Our Political Staff

A major reform to speed up the legislative process through the Commons has been suggested by the all-party Select Committee on Procedure.

It says a group of senior backbenchers should allocate a certain number of hours in committee for each Bill introduced by the Government. It would then be up to the members of the committee in advance to work out how much time should be spent on each section of the Bill.

The Select Committee, in a report published yesterday, also says there should be a cut-off of 10 p.m. for any committee sitting, which it believes would allow minds to be concentrated on the main issues.

£212m POOLS TAX

The Treasury has received an estimated £212 million from the football pool-betting tax in 1984-85, and a further £6 million from VAT on admissions to football matches, Mr Havhoe, Treasury Minister of States, said in a Commons written reply yesterday.

NEXT WEEK'S DEBATES

HOUSE OF LORDS

Mon: Local Government Bill, cttee (Day 8); Prosecution of Offences Bill, Commons amdts.

Tues: Local Government Bill, cttee (Day 9); Motorcycle Crash-Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill, 2nd rdg.

Wed: Debates on the effect of tourism on the British economy and on the need for a European effort to bridge the Arab-Israeli dispute; Tobacco Products (Advertising Bill, 2nd rdg.

Thurs: Local Government Bill, cttee (Day 10); Royal Assent.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mon: Debate on inquiry into proposals to amend the Shops Acts.

Tues: Transport Bill, rmng stages.

Wed: Transport Bill, rmng stages; Royal Ordnance Factories Trading Fund (Revocation and Repeal) Order.

Thurs: Debate on Commission for Racial Equality report on immigration control procedures; opposed private business.

Fri: Spring adjournment debates.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

11: Wildlife and Countryside (Amdt) Bill, 2nd rdg.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

9.30: Private Members' Bills.

APOLOGY FOR FOULKES

By Our Parliamentary Staff

MRS THATCHER yesterday apologised to the Labour MP Mr George Foulkes for her criticism of his alleged unflattering remarks about the Falkland Islanders.

On Tuesday, the Prime Minister said Mr Foulkes's comments must have been deeply wounding, but it was subsequently learned that he had not been correctly reported.

Taking up the issue with Mrs Thatcher at Question Time, Mr FOULKES said he had received an apology from Reuters news agency for the inaccurate report and that Mr Bill Walker (C., Tayside, N.) had withdrawn a critical motion.

Mrs Thatcher should now have thecourtesy to withdraw and apologise for the remark she made without justification on Tuesday, he said.

'Good investment'

Labour MPs protested when Mrs THATCHER, having difficulty making herself heard, appeared to indicate that she thought Mr Foulkes was withdrawing his comments, alleged to have been made at a lunch marking the opening of the new Falklands airport.

When the noise subsided, she said Mr Walker had withdrawn his remarks in the motion and "of course, I therefore do."

She hoped Mr Foulkes would now think that the airstrip was a very good investment.

The Opposition protests continued and Mr STEPHEN ROSS (Lib., Isle of Wight), who was in the Falklands at the same time, confirmed what Mr Foulkes had told the House.

The SPEAKER, Mr Weatherill, said Mrs Thatcher had withdrawn her words but Mr WILLIAM HAMILTON (Lab., Fife Central) said she had not and should have the courtesy and grace to do so.

Mrs THATCHER: "I thought I had withdrawn them. I do withdraw them, and of course I apologise."

WAGE RISES WARNING IS UNDERLINED

Mrs THATCHER yesterday repeated her warning that "wages must not rise too high if we are to get more jobs."

She underlined the comment at Question Time in the Commons by speaking of the "good news" and "wisdom" shown at Southampton docks, which were at a standstill six months ago.

Mrs Thatcher said: "They had said 'look, if we are to get back into work we have to reduce the wage bill'." Since this had been achieved, Southampton docks "are now very successful".

Labour fury over axing of rail engineering jobs

By ANTHONY LOOCH

THE complete closure of the British Rail engineering works at Swindon from next March, with a loss of 2,300 jobs, was announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr David Mitchell, Transport Under-Secretary.

He made the announcement during a statement about further job losses in BRE workshops because of a reduced demand for railway repairs and maintenance.

Labour MPs reacted angrily to the announcement.

Mr DENNIS SKINNER (Lab, Bolsover) accused Mr Mitchell and the rest of the Government Front Bench of "glorifying in putting people on the dole."

"When is this bleeding going to stop? Railwaymen up and down the country are asking what one can expect from this Government when you have a Prime Minister who will gallivant all around the world, but who has not got the decency to travel on a British train?"

Much regret

Mr MITCHELL said he bitterly resented the suggestion that he, or anyother Minister, gloried in people being put on the dole.

"I have been as anxious as anybody else to try and retain the jobs that are involved here. You must know that if there is no work, you cannot keep factories open," he added.

Earlier, Mr Mitchell told the House that British Rail Engineering had previously informed the unions involved of some proposed staff reductions. The latest workload evaluation had, however, shown a further reduction of 15 per cent. in repair work.

The company had therefore concluded that it needed to reduce manpower by another 1,300 over the next two years.

The demand for railway repair and maintenance had declined because of British Rail's decisions to invest in new rolling stock, which required less maintenance.

In the light of this, BR and BRE had, with considerable regret, decided to propose to the unions a sizeable rundown of the Glasgow Springburn works, and some further manpower reductions at other works, particularly Doncaster and Eastleigh.

"Most regrettably of all, they have decided, after considering the position carefully, that there is insufficient work to maintain the BRE works at Swindon after March, 1986.

"BR and BRE will do all they can to find alternative work for redundant employees, by offering opportunities to transfer to other works, and by offering opportunities to transfer to other works, and by encouraging business development and job creation in Swindon and Glasgow," he added.

Speaking from the Opposition Front Bench, Mrs GWYNETH DUNWOODY (Lab., Crewe and Nantwich) told Mr Mitchell that it was "a disgrace" for him to come to the Commons and make announcements of this kind.

Would he ensure that future contracts for new rolling stock went to British Rail and not foreign workshops?

Mr MITCHELL replied that he was concerned deeply about the job losses, but British Rail's new diesel multiple units and rolling stock required much less maintenance than the old stock.

Mr SIMON COOMBS (C., Swindon) said the closure in his constituency would increase unemployment there by up to 50 per cent.

British Rail must be pressed to make redundancy payments on the same level as those granted this year to other nationalised industries.

Loss 'mourned'

The Minister replied that Mr Coombs must be aware that whatever Government was in power, it would make no difference to the need to balance capacity and demand within BRE.

Later, during the Spring adjournment debate, Mr COOMBS again raised the subject of the Swindon closures.

"The works are essential to the town's history, heritage and identity," he said. "Their loss will be mourned in a very real sense by every man, woman and child in the town."

He called on the Government to examine every possible opportunity for a private buyer for the works, as a going concern.

In the Lords, Lord STODART, a former Swindon MP, described the closure as "a devastating blow." It was another part of Britain's heritage which was being destroyed by the Conservatives.

HOUSES AND ESTATES — DAVID HOPPIT

Southend: something for everyone

SOUTHEND began as no more than a hamlet at the south end of Prittlewell in Essex — hence its name. It is now a town of 200,000 people and embraces Thorpe Bay, Prittlewell itself, one of the county's oldest villages, Westcliff, and the old fishing hamlet of Leigh-on-Sea, whose boat sheds and inns were once the haunt of smugglers.

The range of properties and prices is considerable, starting with studio and one-bedroom flats built within older houses and priced just below £20,000 to more than £200,000 for very large detached houses. A sea view commands quite a premium.

There is Tudor Lodge, for example, a modern house on Thorpe Esplanade, with the upstairs accommodation divided into three spacious bedroom suites. In addition to the house, with its balconies, 27-foot lounge and large kitchen, there is a separate building at the foot of the garden at present used as a double garage with an enormous games and party room above. Abbotts are seeking offers around £215,000.

Still at the top end of the price range, Bairstow Eves is asking £185,000 for a large house in Thorpe Bay Gardens, which could have several uses but for which planning consent already exists for conversion into an old people's home, with scope for at least 10 bedrooms. As with Tudor Lodge the views of the Thames estuary are splendid.

While the Southend area is no Bexhill or Bournemouth, so far as retirement is concerned, many people are choosing it as a place to take things a little easier. Among the specialist retirement developments currently offered by Bairstow Eves is Moat Croft, in Thorpe Bay, built by the Southend Estates Group.

There is a communal laundry, resident caretaker, a guest room for visitors, and full central heating. Each cottage-style unit has two bedrooms. The development is not far from the shops at North Shoebury. Prices of remaining units are between £36,750 and £38,250, which includes carpets, curtains and other fittings.

Among the cheaper properties with Bairstow Eves was a ground-floor, one-bedroom flat in St Helens Road, Westcliffe-on-Sea, priced at £18,500; plus another in Shakespeare Drive, with a small garden, priced at £19,995.

There are plenty of bungalows in the area. The same agent has a semi-detached three-bedroom one with conservatory and rear garden priced at £41,995.

For someone wanting a two-bedroom detached bungalow, again with an adequate garden, Abbotts has one in St James Avenue, in the heart of Thorpe Bay. The price is £67,500.

Going up in price again the same agent expects a four-bedroom property in Ladram Way, Thorpe Bay, to sell for around £76,500.

Among the flats in more modern blocks Bairstow Eves has a two-bedroom unit in Argyl House, Westcliff, priced at £46,000; and another two-bedroom one with panoramic views in St Clements Court East, in Leigh, for £55,995.

A recently completed seafront block of flats called Tideway, on Eastern Esplanade, could make an ideal holiday or retirement home. They have two bedrooms and are priced at £62,000. The penthouse apartments are £67,000. They have a boarded loft with potential for further accommodation. Abbotts are agents.

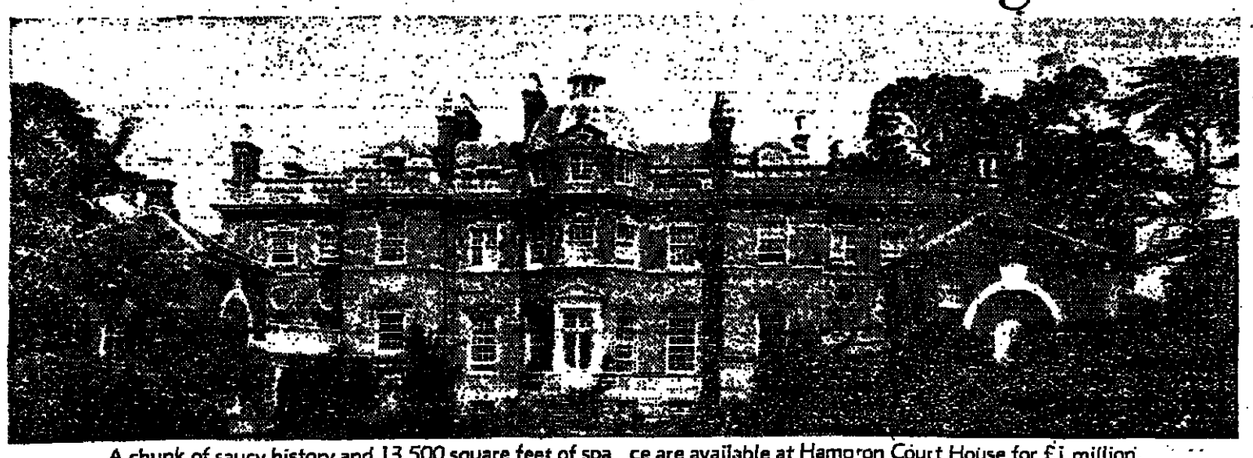
In Leigh on Sea, Abbotts offers a three-bedroom Victorian semi in Seaview Road, said to have "glimpses" of the sea. It has a rear garden and at £42,500 it might appeal as a holiday home. Some modernisation is needed.

For me, the charm of Southend houses is in their balconies, whether on the grand scale, such as the lovely homes in Royal Crescent, where the Prince Regent sent Princess Caroline, or on more prosaic buildings such as a mid-terrace, four-bedroom house in Plas Newydd, Thorpe Bay, offered by Abbotts for £44,000.

A few minutes walk from Southend town centre, situated in a conservation area, is a period home with a balcony above the bay window. It has three bedrooms and a rear garden. There is also basement accommodation. Abbotts are offering it for £80,000.

Views across the Thames estuary from Thorpe Bay Gardens for £185,000.

The house at the bottom of the garden



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Painting the lilies

The Frampton Flora. By Richard Mabey. (Century. £12·95.)
A Prospect of Flowers. By Andrew Young. (Viking. £7·95.)

Margaret Lane

WELL-TO-DO ladies of leisure in the Victorian age were often hard pressed to find a remedy for boredom. If they lived in comfortable manor houses, luxuriously furnished and well staffed, there was practically nothing for them to do. They could pay visits and leave cards, of course, as well as undertake every variety of needlework—tapestry, embroidery, lace-making, bead-work. And, especially if the ladies were spinsters, this was all very undemanding and therefore boring.

Fortunately a fashion for botanical painting caught on, as a method of passing time and learning about nature. "To be able to draw flowers botanically," wrote the botanist John Loudon, "... is one of the most useful accomplishments of your ladies of leisure, living in the country" — an observation heartily approved by the females of the Clifford family in Gloucestershire, who between them (four sisters and three aunts) produced one of the most ravishing and accurate collections of flower paintings of their century.

The appealing thing about the whole enterprise is that it was entirely private. They had no intention of exhibiting their work, let alone publishing it. For 25 years, from 1828 to 1851, they worked devotedly on the project, walking or driving about the Cotswold countryside, collecting specimens and recording their finds with a living beauty and accuracy that is beyond description.

The hundreds of exquisite water-colour portraits were sometimes dated and initialled, sometimes not. The whole collection was stitched into scrap-books and stored in the attics of Frampton Court, the handsome manor house (successor of the burned-down original) owned by the Clifford family since the days of their Norman ancestor who arrived with the Conquest. And there they lay, until 1982, when they were discovered by the present-day owners, still members of the Clifford family.

The result, "The Frampton Flora," is a handsome book of impressive beauty in which the paintings are superbly reproduced and the whole story (both of the painters and their plants) told with commendable simplicity by Richard Mabey, himself a naturalist of some distinction. "When the paintings were rediscovered in 1982," he tells us, "the colours were so bright that they can scarcely have seen the light since they were first made." And there is no evidence that these exquisite flower-portraits were made from pencil drawings and then "coloured in". "One of the remarkable features of the collection is the absence of any visible pencil work. Even the most delicate leaves and petals are outlined purely by skilled brushwork."

This is hard to believe, and yet, examining the pictures with a magnifying glass, I think Mr Mabey must be right. I have never seen botanical illustrations (and I have been a low-grade botaniser since early childhood) that have appealed to me so much. This luxurious book is a perfect gift for anyone who loves the wild flowers of the English countryside. And at quite a reasonable price, too, which is unusual nowadays.

A more modest, but highly entertaining production is "A Prospect of Flowers," a reissue of the botanical anthology by the Scots clergyman poet Andrew Young, which was first published 40 years ago. This is not a picture book (the only illustrations are small black-and-white borrowings from "Gerard's Herbal") but more an anthology of wild flowers and poetry mixed together, with a light seasoning of humour.

Solitary searching for rare wild flowers was one of the passions of Canon Young's life, an occupation which fits in very well with poetry, for which he had a phenomenal memory. The sight of a bluebell, a cowslip or even a daisy instantly brought lines to his mind from earlier poets, so that there are as many quotations on his pages as stamens and petals.

He describes himself as a botanophile rather than a botanist, making clear the difference. "Usually a botanist's place is by the microscope, his field of vision a slide, his flowers iodine stains . . . Some botanists would not know a Daisy if they met it in a field; only when they had taken it to their laboratory, pressed and dried it, and spread it on paper, would they exclaim 'Ah, *Bellis perennis*'."

The botanophile on the other hand, is to be found wandering on foot or bicycle in all sorts of remote places, identifiable by "the tin box, slung on his back, called a vasculum." This appendage, as I remember from my younger days, was as often as not an empty cocoa tin hung on a string and stuffed with little specimens of plants (wild orchids, for example) which one is not supposed to pluck or collect nowadays.

For anyone who enjoys both wild-flower tracking and poetry this book is an innocent delight.

William Roberts's 1915 picture of Wyndham Lewis (centre) with his fellow Vorticists at the Restaurant de la Tour Eiffel comes from the book reviewed below.

Trying to make art accessible

By Terence Mullaly

Art Beyond the Gallery in Early 20th-Century England. By Richard Cork. (Yale U P. £40.)

THIS is a book which should be a triumphant essay in how an awareness of art distinctively 20th-century in feeling was born. In fact it turns out to be something quite different, revealing much about today's uncertain state of the arts in Britain.

The author, Richard Cork, is well suited to his job, for he has been art critic of the EVENING STANDARD, Editor of STUDIO INTERNATIONAL and is now art critic of the LISTENER. He is concerned with how in the early decades of the 20th century there were attempts to make art relevant to a wider public. The aim was to take art outside the galleries. It failed.

Today many are trying to do the same thing. They show no sign of being any more successful. Nor should anyone complacently imagine that such an attempt is a fringe activity. It embraces some of the liveliest work being done today. Even more crucial for the future of art in this country, the failure of such efforts is at the root of uncertainties about both style and the role of the artist.

Still insufficiently recognised issues concerning who wants art and how it is patronised are raised. No wonder that when such questions have not been resolved, the future course of art appears so uncertain. Through no fault of their own the dealers are the only really effective outlet for the artist. The Royal Academy and other exhibiting societies continue to play an honourable rôle, but even when major acts of patronage occur, such as the opening of the new Saatchi Gallery in London, they tend to take the form of the creation of a new museum or art centre.

It makes the efforts of the Vorticists, of Roger Fry's Omega Workshops and the grand schemes combining architecture and sculpture, in which Epstein was involved, appear all the more heroic. That they were so often greeted with incomprehension and led to destructive controversy must make us hope that from the mass of information Mr Cork provides, and from his sensible discussion of the works of art, we can learn lessons for the present.

A fascinating twist of history needs to be recognised. It was in America under the New Deal, in Revolutionary Mexico, and above all in Russia immediately after the October Revolution that radically novel ideas about the rôle of art were born. That in 1985 they are still influencing art in certain Eastern European countries needs to be closely examined.

Squirearchy at war

By David Holloway

One Family's War. Edited by Patrick Mayhew with an introduction by Christopher Mayhew. (Hutchinson. £10·95.)

Sins of Commission. By William Douglas Home. (Michael Russell. £5·95.)

Who Will Take Our Children? By Carlton Jackson. (Methuen. £9·95.)

WHEN the war started in 1939, Lady Mayhew, clearly a woman of decision and organisational skill, decided that the best way to keep her six children in touch with each other as well as herself and her husband (Sir Basil) was that a "budget" of letters, re-typed by her, should be circulated.

Despite some Mrs Miniverish moments "One Family's War," the book that her son Patrick has formed out of the "budget," is a remarkable picture of the English squirearchy at war. There are the heads of the family at Felthorpe Hall, a few miles from Norwich: he running his factory and serving in the Home Guard, she the President of the Norfolk Red Cross.

Of the sons, Christopher (now Lord Mayhew) is immediately in a yeomanry regiment, serving with the Royal Artillery in France; Patrick, registered as a conscientious objector, joins the R A M C and is also soon in France as a medical orderly, and Paul joins the R A F.

The eldest daughter is married to the Master of Marlborough and has two small children as well as a wartime school to cope with. A second daughter is marooned in America, but in time fights her way back to join the F A N Y, while the youngest eventually left school to join the W R N S.

Others who contributed to the "budget" were the Howarths, cousins of the Mayhews: one a banker who became finance director of an aircraft firm, and in consequence in a reserved occupation, and the other a B B C war correspondent turned member of S O E in charge of running agents into Norway.

We pass from the frustrations of the phoney war (Paul the pilot under training fuming more than the others: he thought he would be given a Spitfire right away) to the chaos of Dunkirk (where Pat was awarded an MM for his work with the wounded). Then the Battle of Britain (Paul has two kills confirmed before he crash-lands in Ireland and is interned, but escapes.)

Christopher is pulled out of the army to work in S O E. Pat, the sometime pacifist, is commissioned in a fighting regiment. Inevitably in such a family at war, there must be casualties, and, almost inevitably, it must be Paul killed crash-landing in the Desert.

Pat is wounded almost the moment he lands in Sicily. Christopher by various mischances missed the action there but he, with Special Forces, has his dangerous moments (one night patrol with American soldiers very well described) after D-Day.

Strangely enough it is not the assorted military adventures that provide the fascination of the book but the story of those left behind. Lady Mayhew provides a picture of coping with the settlement of evacuees which deserves mention beside Evelyn Waugh's "Put Out More Flags," and the description by her son-in-law of the Queen's visit to inspect troops drawn up on the playing fields of Marlborough is a splendid piece of comic writing.

The sons and certainly one of the daughters were all socialists of one sort or another and make pious statements about the post-war world, while their father adjures them to fight the good fight. Obviously every family's experience of the second world war was different, but most people will find echoes of their own memories here.

William Douglas Home's letters to his family, "Sins of Commission" are much more idiosyncratic. He contemplated conscientious objection and was commissioned in the Buffs as "a 99 per cent. pacifist". While in uniform he fought three by-elections as a "negotiated peace" candidate.

This standpoint led him into trouble after D Day. After trying to resign this commission on several occasions, he refused to obey an order to attack Le Havre, was eventually sentenced to be cashiered and to serve a year's hard labour. His later letters are from Wormwood Scrubs and Wakefield prisons.

Sad to say, Mr Douglas Home has very little significant to say in his very brief missives. He seems to have been a rather tiresome officer and a model prisoner. I did like the story of his father, the Earl of Home, calling on the Governor of Wakefield to thank him for entertaining his son.

The viewpoint of an American historian on the way the evacuation of children at home and across the seas was handled in the second world war could have been interesting. Unfortunately, Carlton Jackson's "Who Will Take Our Children?" is a colourless, humourless affair. I suspect it started out as a thesis on the circumstances of children sent to America and Canada which was then somewhat hastily expanded.

The tone is rather peevish, and the author is slightly surprised that those involved in the evacuation were not better treated. Sometimes he seems to have forgotten the classic phrase: "There's a War On!"

A reading of official records is no substitute for memories of the real thing. Those there at the time may find it difficult to share his conclusion that the Welfare State was largely the result of the evacuation of urban families to rural areas.

Professor Jackson is occasionally ill informed. The shelters that bear the names of Sir John Anderson and Herbert Morrison were not so designated in 1938, and the name of the wartime Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster was Hinsley.

Variations on a theme

By John Amis

The Oxford Dictionary of Music. By Michael Kennedy. (O U P. £15.)

THE first thing to do with a new dictionary is to weigh and compare it with rivals. The "New Grove" costs £1,100, and each of its 20 volumes weighs approximately 4 lb.

The fairly new "Oxford Companion to Music" costs £50, and each of its two volumes weighs 4½lb. The volume under review is a single volume, costs £15, weighs 3lb. and is light enough for me to read in bed. Quite a consideration! By another scale of measurement, the biographical coverage on Beethoven, is 12in in the new volume, 4½ft in the "Companion" and 17yds in "Grove."

Remarkably, Michael Kennedy has written every word in the 11,000 entries spread over the 880 pages of "The Oxford Dictionary of Music," which is a revised enlargement of his 1980 version of Percy Scholes's "Concise Oxford Dictionary of Music." He writes succinctly but in a civilised fashion, without rushing you. The musical nuts and bolts are all there, explained lucidly with just the right analogies or illustrations either in words or music type.

No pictures or bibliographies but copious lists of works, amazingly up to date in the case of young contemporary composers. These last make the book invaluable for professionals whereas the majority of the volume is addressed to the general listener.

An advantage in the "Dictionary" over the "Companion" is that the new book contains performers. But like both rivals Mr Kennedy has been arbitrary about which "light" or jazz musicians he includes; thus Dankworth, Legrand, "Fats" and "Old Blue Eyes" are in, whereas Cleo, Swann, Art Tatum and Ella are not.

Only when writing about the better-known composers does Mr Kennedy permit himself a sentence or two of opinions as opposed to facts. Thus: Mozart "took the musical small-change of his day, learned from childhood in the courts of Europe, and transformed it into a mint of gold." And "Puccini lacks the nobility of Verdi, but few opera composers can rival him in dramatic flair and skill. He is sentimental but it is a sentimentality to which millions are glad to respond."

Mr Kennedy champions some composers not greatly in favour such as Hindemith and Martinu; and takes an unusual side-swipe at Britten by saying that "in Peter and the Wolf he [Prokofiev] created the most enduring, touching and instructive of young persons' guides to the orchestra."

The nearest we get to humour is a sentence on the "Minimalists" "in whose music there is the minimum of material which is repeated to maximum effect." A bizarre aside on André Tchaikowsky, the pianist who died in 1982: "Bequeathed [his] skull to Royal Shakespeare Co. for use in performances of 'Hamlet' (début 1984)."

I could quibble about a few minor points but in a week's pleasurable browsing the only real mistake I can find is so domestic I hesitate to mention it: Christopher Grier is stated to have been London music critic of the SCOTSMAN, 1949-1963. I know that is untrue because it so happens that I was. So far I have found only one misprint.

Lb. for lb., £ for £, this book is marvellous value, the most useful single-volume music dictionary available.

Japanese culture-shock

By Justin Wintle

Pictures from the Water Trade: an Englishman in Japan. By John David Morley. (Deutsch. £9·95.)

IT'S almost funny really. Either you see Japan as a nation bent on world domination, now pursuing an economic strategy where the military initiative failed; or you see the Japanese, computer coolies all, as a people masochistically committed to a near-slavery to furnish the rest of us with remarkable luxury goods at remarkable prices.

To visit Japan on business or as a tourist is to understand that such views are by no means incompatible. The men, emotionally loyal to their companies, work stupendously long hours. The women, still stranded in domesticity, exact revenge by spending their husbands' hard-earned yen on almost daily visits to the innumerable department stores, where their purchases are inspired neither by need nor greed, but by a determination, endemic to all aspects of Japanese life, not to be outdone by anyone. If cash-flow is the name of the game, consensus is the board on which this is played.

To spend a greater period of time there however, as John David Morley, like others before, has done, to develop ties with the people, even to attempt the impossible and master the language, is to experience something more than an abrupt practical critique of our own flagging economies. The name most usually given to this experience is culture-shock, but culture-shock with a difference.

As time goes by, the sensation of estrangement deepens, and it is the understanding that recedes. Eventually living among the Japanese becomes tantamount to having an enforced sex-change.

"Pictures from the Water Trade" copes with this onslaught on the personality by a fictional ruse: Mr Morley casts himself in the third person, as the improbably named young man, Boon. Boon arrives in Tokyo specifically to study the language, and the only way to do that, he realises, is to live the life.

Over the next three years, keeping himself carefully apart from fellow westerners, he sets about exploring his new milieu in close-up. Early on he sees an old woman clearing the gutter in front of her home with a pair of chopsticks, and that, he recognises, is the proper method to go about his own quest: "He ignored the general and searched for the particular, in time discovering that for the loss of a spectacular urban panorama he was richly compensated by an inexhaustible fund of detail."

Inexorably Boon is drawn toward the shabby night-life, that part of the "water trade" (*mizushobai*, a characteristically inexact term that describes almost any entertainment where personal service is of the essence) which offers the male citizenry a sort of relief from the inexorable rat race. Inexorably too Boon, or Morley, is led back to the general. He concludes that, for all its rampant chauvinism, Japanese society is at bottom matriarchal. Set loose on the city tiles the liberated salary-man wants nothing more than a happy hour spent fondling the breasts of a hostess. Beyond that his wife awaits him at home.

A similar conclusion was arrived at last year by another young European, Ian Buruma, in "A Japanese Mirror." Buruma too had done his homework, had descended into the bars and striptease joints, and had familiarised himself with the astonishingly abstruse conventions governing Japanese conversation. But Mr Morley's book is the more literary, and, despite its furtive egotism, the more satisfying. Apart from anything else he writes extremely well, and "Pictures from the Water Trade" is an exemplary début.

Nothing very new about Japan is presented, but his descriptions of home life (much of what he writes about has little or nothing to do with *mizushobai*), of calligraphy and of little things like rice-dough making, are compulsive.

The centrepiece of Mr Morley's book is his narration of a relationship between Boon and Mariko, a provincial bar-girl. Though their friendship takes root in the spring, it is from the outset a decidedly autumnal affair. She has commitments she cannot really define, and he is an outsider unwilling to make the final commitment that might persuade her.

Repeatedly Boon finds Mariko's behaviour inconsistent and "ambiguous." To the reader however the difficulty of her position comes across with crystal clarity, and it is the mark of Mr Morley's skill that the reader should emerge somewhat less confused than Boon himself.

For whom the dole tells

By Jaci Stephen

Social Security. By Nicola Shulman. (Heinemann. £8·95.)

AH, life is hard. Oxbridge education, a successful modelling career, and now a published book about doing nothing at all. Social security is certainly something that Nicola Shulman has.

This makes the title of her first book — which she intends to be interpreted in the real sense of the words — rather laughable. There are no Right-to-Work expostulations here: no budgeting on a mere £27·50 a week; no small children running round with holes in their shoes. Unemployability is seen to be a major achievement and something to be celebrated; an art which "relies mainly on a highly developed sense of constructive time-wasting."

Even taking into account any irony, "It's all right for her to talk" would be a justified reaction on the part of the majority of the unemployed to this book; those whom society has not taught to make constructive use of time outside work. But then "Social Security" is written for a different class of unemployed; probably all those people who have "taken a year off" at some point in their lives. For the employed, the book will confirm what they knew all along: that being unemployed is jolly good fun once you get the hang of it.

The content of this "Cradle-to-Grave Unemployability Plan" in fact bears little relation to its title. The occasional reminder to the reader of the overall structure is only an irritating distraction, and this somewhat pretentious artifice could easily have been abandoned in favour of what is actually here: a guide to, and observation on, life in general.

When Miss Shulman is not forcing her material; wandering off into long, uninteresting commentaries in sections like "International Communications;" or trying too hard for statements of Universal Significance, she can be quite amusing. The chapter on modelling, possibly owing to its being able to draw upon the author's real experience, is most successful. The satire is based on a cliché but is none the less effective: the "idea-controlled diet" for girls entering the profession, designed to rid them of "that unsightly cerebral bulge":

> **Breakfast:** Leader page of the SUN *or* 1 small paragraph from the DAILY MAIL Dempster column . . .

The "artists" involved in the whole process are viewed with similar comic detachment. The hairdresser, for instance:

> There will be plenty of volume (snip) *above* the ears (snip) — *very* 'sixties . . . The man is not a hairdresser, he is a topiarist . . .

Entertaining, closely observed and overheard situations —what Miss Shulman does best —are, however, few and far between, though doubtless this format will help sell more books. Then, who knows, Miss Shulman may have to sign off. And what will she do then, poor girl? Heinemann to the rescue?

PLEASANTLY presented essays by such elegant writers as John Arlott, Susan Hill and Alan Sillitoe are featured in "The Illustrated Counties of England" (Allen & Unwin, £14·95). These first appeared in COUNTRY LIFE and are here accompanied by a good selection of colour photographs (though the reproduction is sometimes uneven). This is not a guide book, just a celebration of local glory by enraptured inhabitants. R.C.

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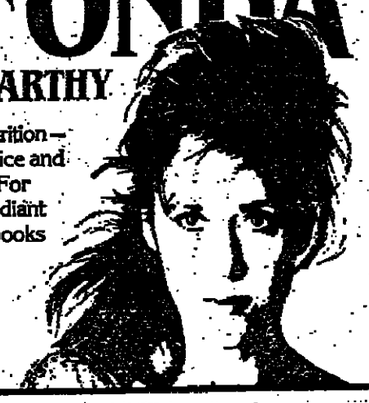

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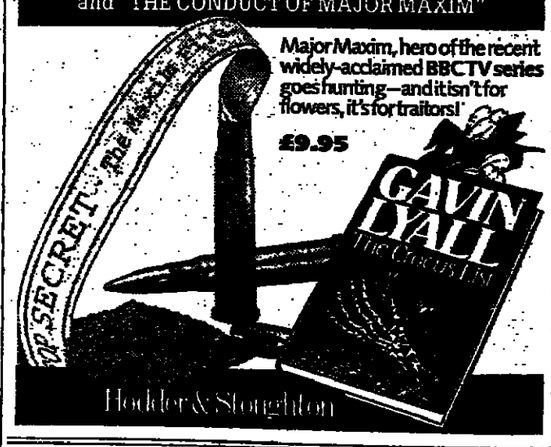

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RECENT FICTION

By Selina Hastings

Crusoe's Daughter. By Jane Gardam. (Hamish Hamilton. £8·95.)

The Burning Lake. By Jon Thurley. (Bodley Head. £8·95.)

The Sea-Crossed Fisherman. By Yashar Kemal. Translated by Thilda Kemal. (Harvill. £9·95.)

The War of the End of the World. By Mario Vargas Llosa. Translated by Helen R. Lane. (Faber. £9·95.)

The Kingdom of the Wicked. By Anthony Burgess. (Hutchinson. £9·95.)

POLLY FLINT at the age of six is abandoned by her seafaring father to be brought up in a strange yellow house on the marshes by a couple of eccentric aunts. But peculiar as these two women are, neither is as peculiar as Polly.

The inspiration of Polly's life is "Robinson Crusoe," thus the title, "Crusoe's Daughter." In Defoe's *novel* she teaches herself to see all kinds of parallels with her own life, regarding her situation as isolated in that dour, God-fearing household as Crusoe's on his island. But Polly has opportunities for escape unavailable to her literary rôle-model.

When her Aunt Frances, to the amazement of all, marries the local vicar and with him sails for India, Polly is sent to stay with relatives at a *sort of* northern Garsington where Lady Celia in hat and veils dispenses hospitality to artists and writers. Here Polly falls in love with the son of a clever Jewish family living in the neighbourhood. But nothing comes of it and she returns to the yellow house, where through two world wars she idles her life away deep in communion with her beloved Crusoe.

Jane Gardam is a wonderful writer and her novel is very nearly *first-rate*. Her understanding of character and use of language are both remarkable (for example, when Aunt Frances's engagement is announced, *it is recalled* that she always wore her best dress and a brooch when the vicar came to tea on Thursdays: "but as the Thursday tea had been the only social engagement of the week the brooch had never seemed to us unbridled"). Unfortunately the second half of the book goes slack, and the last few pages seemed to me altogether wrong.

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DAVID has always felt himself in competition with his elder brother Jonathan, even in the days when they were children in India at the time of Partition. They both go to Cambridge, fall in love with the same girl, both marry suitably and both become successful in their careers, Jonathan as a property-developer, David as a painter.

The rivalry remains, however, coming to a climax when Jonathan by his sudden death steals David's greatest moment of achievement at the opening of an exhibition. But then Jonathan was always unpredictable, and never more so than in the manner of his dying. Was it suicide? Was he murdered as a result of some dubious property deal? Or was he involved, as David is eventually led to believe, in something far more sinister, reaching back to his time at Cambridge?

"The Burning Lake" is an accomplished first novel in which Jon Thurley tells an elaborate story with skill and imagination. The childhood in India and the period when the two brothers are up at Cambridge are particularly evocative. Only the final episode, which takes place in Egypt, seemed unnecessary and detracted from the rest.

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THE two leading actors in Yashar Kemal's story both have a legendary quality about them. Selim, "The Sea-Crossed Fisherman" himself, is a miserly curmudgeon regarded with a wary eye by his colleagues who yet admire him for his skills as a catcher of fish. For Selim always seems to know where the biggest shoals are, guided to them by a friendly dolphin which has become over the years almost as dear to Selim as a member of the family.

It is Zeynel, a local gangster, who violently interrupts the peaceful monotony of Selim's existence. Just as Selim is attributed with supernatural powers, and love affairs with mermaids, so Zeynel, in reality a small-time criminal on the run, becomes in the public mind a super-villain, a dare-devil anti-hero accredited with every monstrous crime committed in and around Istanbul.

One of the achievements of this beautifully-written book is the fusing of myth and reality, greatly enhanced by the author's acute visual sense: his description of embroidered roses on the cover of a divan, or the pathos and magnificence of a captive eagle in the bazaar, turns the *mundane into magic*.

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NO ONE has a greater admiration for Mario Vargas Llosa than I do, but "The War of the End of the World" completely defeated me. It is an enormously long (567 pages, small print, close-set lines), enormously boring saga of revolution set in 19th-century Brazil. The revolution is of a semi-religious nature led by two men, a mysterious prophet known as the Counselor (this is an American translation) and a Scottish emigré freedom-fighter. With a ragged army of freaks, prostitutes and outlaws with which to confront and overthrow the forces of Church and State, these two charismatic characters set out to establish a new republic of freedom and equality for all.

The narrative is on a gigantic scale—great mass movements, cities razed, whole populations wiped out. There are pages and pages of detailed description of massacre, of torture, of every sort of physical abnormality. It is all retailed with a monotony that becomes far more crushing and terrible than the subject it depicts.

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IN his new novel "The Kingdom of the Wicked," Anthony Burgess pictures the Roman Empire during the first years of early Christianity. Christ himself we glimpse only briefly before he ascends out of sight, leaving the stage to Paul and his followers on the side of Good, versus the Emperors, from Tiberius to Vespasian, on the side of Evil.

There are the well-known bits from the Bible, the well-known bits from Roman history, and all those bits from Suetonius about the private lives of the Emperors that one was never given to translate at school. The pity is that the talent of which Mr Burgess is abundantly possessed only occasionally reveals itself, and not often enough to raise this no doubt prodigiously researched novel above the level of holy soap-opera.

Criminal records

By Anthony Lejeune

IT IS a *truth insufficiently* acknowledged that policemen do not make very good heroes for detective stories.

The trouble with policemen, as distinct from Great Detectives, is that they tend to be ordinary men dealing with what are, for them, relatively ordinary problems. The more realistic, the duller. Ruth Rendell's detective, Chief Inspector Wexford, is dull. His surroundings — the lower-middle-class suburbia of a Sussex town—are dull. The problem in "An Unkindness of Ravens" (Hutchinson, £8·95), starts by seeming fairly dull too. One of Wexford's neighbours, a commercial traveller, has disappeared, abandoning his boring wife and surly daughter: but the situation develops into something much more unusual.

Miss Rendell is skilled at intricate plotting. Having slowly unravelled a complex deception, she reveals an interesting motive — murder precipitated by a horrid combination of feminism and the welfare state.

The New York detective-sergeant in Jane Dentinger's "Murder on Cue" (Gollancz, £7·95) is little more than an adjunct to the heroine, a tough and aspiring young actress. The star of a Broadway show is murdered and all the cast are suspects. A standard plot. Miss Dentinger, however, runs a New York bookshop specialising in detective stories and is also an off-Broadway actress: so her first novel blends criminological and Thespian expertise into an almost academically studied performance.

In "Death in the Old Country" (Crime Club, £7·50) Eric Wright's Canadian policeman is holidaying in England with his wife. Their stay at an idyllic rural hotel is interrupted by murder, which the Canadian Inspector cannot resist exploring, locally and in London and with a side trip to Italy. While maintaining a relationship of mutually profitable tension with the English police, he provides a stimulating tourist's-eye view of our customs and manners.

"Man's Storm" (Crime Club, £7·50) is Keith Heller's second novel about an implausibly sophisticated member of the Parish Watch in 18th-century London. Every other aspect is gloomily authentic — squalor, darkness and dialogue heavy with *underworld slang*. Apart from such detail, a real authenticity is given by reproducing the feel of the times as it must have been to those who took the inconveniences and the slang for granted.

The murder takes place on the night of a great storm which was chronicled by Daniel Defoe, and Defoe himself has a walk-on part. John Dickson Carr did this kind of thing with much more zest. Mr Heller seems too earnest.

Authenticity of dialogue is also K. C. Constantine's prime objective, his field being modern small-town America: but this small town is far removed from Andy Hardy land. The dialogue is relentlessly obscene, drugs and violence are part of the daily fare. In "Always a Body to Trade" (Hodder, £8·95) Mr Constantine's decent police chief—not decent *linguistically*, of course —teaches a priggish new mayor the unpleasant realities of law enforcement. The flavour may be too specialised for English taste.

Gillian Linscott's "Murder Makes Tracks" (Macmillan, £7·95), on the other hand, is a typical English mystery novel, well-crafted, cheerfully artificial, not very violent in word or deed. The setting is an Alpine ski resort: the victim, transfixed with an arrow from a crossbow, is a television tycoon; most of the other characters and suspects are a school party from England, revolting children, discontented teachers, the gym mistress and her ex-policeman lover. Agreeable, though hardly memorable.

Brahms and Simon used to write a peculiar brand of historical novel in which a wild assortment of real figures, exchanging anachronistic dialogue, was woven into a comic fantasy. In "The Adventures of Inspector Lestrade" (Macmillan, £7·95) *M. J. Trow aims*, a touch more ponderously, at a similar effect. The Inspector, with an Old Etonian assistant, investigates a series of extravagant murders: guided by clues from *Struwwelpeter*. Conan Doyle and Dr Watson meanwhile are inventing stories. *Swinburne*. Freud. Alma-Tadema and the Prince of Wales appear briefly. Some readers will find it amusing. Others won't.

IN PAPERBACK — Seen in the wild

UNLIKE the rest of us, Stephen Dalton seems to be unaffected by such mundane problems as "camera shake." His superb large-format book, "Caught in Motion" (Weidenfeld, £7·95) is a collection of his high-speed wildlife photographs, in which birds, bats and butterflies have all been frozen in flight.

It is a book that can be returned to time and time again; my own favourites among the stunning images are of a swallow drinking in flight and of a frog diving.

Heather Angel is another gifted wildlife photographer, who uses her camera with a skill similar to that of an artist with his brush. In addition to straightforward portraits she records, as well as creates, landscapes and moods of nature with feeling and understanding. A collection of her photographs is included in "The Natural History of Britain and Ireland" (Mermaid, £8·95).

If the book had been solely a vehicle for Heather Angel's work it would have been fine; unfortunately it tries to do more. Its subject is too wide and between the pictures are chunks of turgid text, littered with lists and long Latin names, guaranteed to make the average layman turn from books to the television set.

What a pity Heather Angel's publisher did not use a writer of the quality of R. M. Lockley. Boydell Press has just republished his classic "The Private Life of the Rabbit" (£3·95) in its Country Library series. It should be compulsory *reading* for all present-day teachers and lecturers in biology, as well as the growing army of professional "ecologists" and "environmentalists". Throughout, he calls a rabbit a rabbit, only once mentioning *Oryctolagus cuniculus*.

Lockley was not chasing a PhD, *trying hard to* impress; he was then a working farmer and the rabbits were his neighbours and part of his life. Peculiarly, the book has been produced in very stiff paper, which means that if it is not held open with both hands, it springs shut. Perhaps after use it is meant to be converted into a rabbit trap.

Boydell has used more flexible paper for "Beth" (£3·95), the charming story of a working border collie in Cumbria, by Ernest Lewis, the pen-name of Ernest Vesey, the sportsman and naturalist. It needs to be read to our farm collie to show him how he is supposed to behave.

Two beautifully produced large-format books reproduce the work of the late C. F. Tunnicliffe—"A Sketchbook of Birds" (Gollancz, £5·95) and "Shorelands Summer Diary" (Orbis, £9). Both are very good value. Sketchbooks are fashionable; they seem rather pointless to me—like reproducing a writer's notebook, or selling a sculptor's plasticine. I prefer to see an artist use his sketchbook to create real pictures.

If anybody wants a collection of biological specimens on their coffee table, then "A Sketchbook of Birds" is for them. I prefer "Shorelands Summer Diary" with completed paintings and attractive scraperboard pictures illustrating a year at Charles Tunnicliffe's Anglesey home. It is a book that can be dipped into and gives great pleasure.

Most enjoyable of the current batch of excellent country books is a reprint of John R. Allan's "Farmer's Boy" (Century, £2·95). He was the illegitimate *son of a 15-year-old Scottish girl* who ran off to America; leaving him on a farm in Scotland with his grandparents.

I chortled all the way through at a splendid cavalcade of characters, human and animal; Grandma throwing her false teeth into the fire with the orange-peel, and an uncle who went to dancing lessons in a smart bowler, until a mouse had young in it; he then stayed at home to look after the mice. A billy goat ruled the roost until it ate a pound of lead paint, while a mad uncle "gave me a taste for amicable lunatics—so long as they are restrained from the direction of public affairs".

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FILMS / Staging a comeback

The Grey Fox (PG)
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Classic, Haymarket
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Gate, Bloomsbury

THERE IS a touch of Rip Van Winkle about the aged hero of The Grey Fox. He comes out of prison after 33 years to find that the world has greatly changed. Where are the stage coaches he used to rob? That is how he made his name. Indeed that is why he went to prison. How will he make his living now? Must he go straight?

He tries. He is half-hearted. He meets a man on a train who deals in gadgets and who argues that salesmanship is the coming thing in America in 1901. The old rogue cannot make the gadget (for peeling apples) work. He lodges for a while with his sister and her husband who takes a dim view of stage-coach robbers but seems willing to let his brother-in-law try to go straight. So he has a go at working oyster beds. But it is no good.

He lived (until that spell in San Quentin) a life of adventure. And having known no other he resumes in old age his former career. This time it is not stage coaches. It is trains. He never bothers the passengers, just the men who guard the mail. And, for a while, he thrives.

Phillip Boros's film also thrives because it isn't at root about a sort of R.V. Winkle but about a man who cannot settle for half or even a quarter. He needs excitement. He found it through stage-coach robberies. He was a professional at such crimes or he would not have thrived; and the thing that makes this version of Bill Miner's story moving is that his natural courtesy and quiet manners (he says "goodnight" without sarcasm or irony to the man he has just robbed) are not a mask for his villainy but sincere, instinctive.

If people get shot through his criminal ventures it is not his fault but their failure to play his dangerous game as he directs it—as for example when two accomplices omit to use the driver and fireman as screens.

If ever an actor "made" a film it is the elderly Richard Farnsworth as this legendary Wild West figure who is said to have originated the expression "Hands up!" The actor is mesmerically able to draw us into Miner's mind and moods.

This white-haired veteran with the blue eyes and the wonderfully gnarled face has a way of winning, however immorally, our approval.

So when he takes up with a forthright, intelligent and independent-minded spinster, their alliance seems equally natural. She knows nothing of his past, or that he is on the run.

The local policeman has also taken a liking to him — again in unsuspecting trust. And we sense a tragic end as the men from Pinkerton's detective *agency close in*.

The idyll between the middle-aged spinster and the elderly wanted criminal is surely doomed; and indeed as he is finally led away to jail for another few decades, with a brass band to see him off as a celebrity at the station, how could we or he complain?

We learn, however, from the closing titles that this bandit, at whose capture children wave the Union Jack, does not *languish for long in jail* but escapes to keep his date with that spinster. And with more trains? This is straining our suspicion of disbelief but who cares?

Mr Farnsworth's acting as the gentlemanly robber is worth waving lots of flags for.

If the film sounds intolerably romantic, all I can say is that as westerns go this is exceptionally, charmingly, tolerable. It shows train robbery as a kind *of vocation; and one which* a man, if he goes about it properly, can fulfil with dignity, sensibility, style and justified pride.

SPOOFS of gangster films are coming thick and fast lately; and can be fun as long as they are played like farce on stage. That is to say, without winking or nodding at the house. Amy Heckerling's Johnny Dangerously is spoilt by an excessive *sense of its own humour but* if you aren't deterred by such amiable exuberance you should enjoy its rehearsal of the old routines.

Everything depends on the sharpness of the script which here has too many hands to give the jokes that tautness and *discipline which would* prevent our groaning at some of them. But the pace and the tone of the travesty allow plenty of unspecified references to the 1930s and 1940s bootlegging sagas; and some of the characters, like Maureen Stapleton's very Irish mother, tougher than you think, and Joe Piscopo's villain are amusing company.

It is Michael Keaton's mobster, self-consciously dapper, who leads the romp; and when it turns out that his brother is the district attorney, the plot spins pleasingly along. I just wish it had been done with more sincerity and less of the tongue-in-cheek.

TOM CONTI is too intelligent-seeming an actor to be able to make sense of Rick Rosenthal's *American Dreamer which lands* him in Paris with Jobeth Williams as a visiting trans-atlantic housewife and mother with delusions.

She has "won" a trip to Europe for writing an imitation of a well-known kind of romantic spy thriller and as soon as she arrives she gets concussed and starts to enact the fantasy by walking out of hospital, coming across Mr Conti (who happens to be the author of the thrillers she reads at bedtime) and daftly supposing herself the heroine of these popular fictions.

The idea might have been funny with snappier writing or acting. The views of Paris are pleasant and Coral Browne turns up as the author's mother but even her legendary wit can make no headway without a more imaginative sense of character or comedy or situation. Mr Conti looks correctly bemused by his miscasting.

AT ONCE lively-minded and mind-boggling, Mark Whitney's tribute to C. G. Jung, Matter of Heart is much warmer entertainment that the idea of such a "documentary" may sound.

For it brings together interviews with people who knew the revered psychologist and their recollections are linked and edited by Suzanne Wagner with enough clarity to keep a complicated subject enjoyable — especially for the filmgoer to whom Jung's work has always been a bit of a mystery.

The sound track can be hazy as well as what is being said but by the time the thing was over I began to fell that I had got the hang of "the collective unconscious" and of one or two other of Jung's approaches to the human mind—or soul. And his reassertion of our individualities is refreshingly forceful. He himself is the most forceful presence.

Eric Shorter

THEATRE / Antony and Cleopatra

ALL THROUGH the new "Antony and Cleopatra" at Chichester, you know you are in the hands of a first-class director. Robin Phillips moves the play forward excitingly, it almost looks lovely, and he wins from Denis Quilley and Diana Rigg performances which in years to come our envious children will ask if we saw.

Mr Phillips understands this *open stage, having formerly run* Stratford, Ontario, from which Chichester was copied. In collaboration with his designer, Daphne Dare, who gives Shakespeare's play the clean elegance of a neo-Clasical painting by David, he flashes instantly from an admittedly antiseptic Egypt with its siren to the icy halls of imperious Rome and its dictator.

Having acted here himself, Mr Phillips also knows how to *expose his actors with a pride* in the bold, simple effects required for this diffuse drama. Mr Quilley does not suggest, as Michael Redgrave did, that Antony has been a great man, but we do see why this bearded, burly, warmblooded hunk of male awoke both the love of his soldiers and the appetite of his mistress.

Eyes blazing, desperate, the old warrior is seen at his leonine best when, in an uprush of false fire, he blazes with forced energy after his defeat in battle, angrily crying: "Have you no ears? I am Antony yet!" This is a man undercut by guilt and shouting down his foreknowledge of doom.

Nature has given Miss Rigg useful attributes for Cleopatra: goodly height, high haughty cheekbones, slim bare arms, a voice which can descend to a tragic sepulchral wailing—and a wicked sense of humour. Art has added bewitching swinging black hair, making her sheer physical allure formidable.

When he is politically powerful, the coquette treats her lover like a dog. Her kisses turn into cruel bites, and when she goes out she thrusts a hand out behind her back, for him to scuttle after. But at his fall, her passion melts into homely tenderness: the dominatrix has turned domestic. And, as always with this actress, all is carried off with dazzling aplomb.

Unhappily, the text has been savagely cut. No revel on Pompey's barge to show the Romans at their cynical worst. No seen scene with Cleopatra's treasurer, to show her as a disgraceful opportunist. And no high monument for her at the end, only a vile, voice-distorting echo-chamber.

Against this, Norman Rodway's twinkling, battle-scarred Enobarbus, and Philip Franks's courteous but career-mad Octavius stand out in a production which for once makes us care *about both the tremendous* triflers at its centre.

John Barber

Henry V, RSC

"TAKE out our performance with your mind," suggests the Chorus in "Henry the Fifth" which comes to the Barbican from Stratford-upon-Avon. It is a long time since a director allowed us to do that, and Adrian Noble shows no sign in his spectacular revival of breaking with the Royal Shakespeare Company tradition of ekeing out the play with the director's or designer's ideas.

Although Bob Crowley's décor is at first just a Brechtian low curtain it isn't long before the stage picture starts to take over from the actors. Harfleur is literally an iron curtain.

Real rain precedes Agincourt as if to drown the English host. Smoke blots out the battle of which the exhilarant aftermath is imaginatively staged; and the French top brass, so shiny and poised beside the scruffy, bloodstained Britons, descend breathtakingly on a golden swinging gantry like the *deus ex machina* in an ancient Greek drama.

These effects are, as it were, conjured by Ian McDiarmid's sardonic stage-side Chorus whose constant presence in the shadows hints at Prospero, except for a mildly aggressive manner in master-minding the to-and-fro of military ceremonies. There is of course no rule that says Chorus should be charming but shouldn't he get on chummier terms with us?

Henry himself does so without difficulty. Kenneth Branagh's boyish king rules the evening with ease. He has the looks and te personality to win us over from a disloyal admiration for the French, led by the stately Sebastian Shaw (whose earlier appearance as the Bishop of Ely is a puzzle—shortage of actors or of acting weight?).

Mr Branagh's sense of humour in wooing Cecile Paoli's enchanting Katharine also wins applause when her father interrupts his clumsy compliments and her shy suitor turns away sharply.

He can persuade us that his faith in God didn't just crop up after Agincourt and that he means what he says in envy of the peasant's position in not having any ceremony to stand on.

It's a pity there's a conspicuous absence of stage seating—presumably to keep the action flowing and the cast on its toes (or haunches). But 5¼ hours still seems longer than Shakespeare intended—especially in the humour of the lower orders which is seldom funny or touching.

E. S.

OPERA / The Midsummer Marriage

QUITE OFTEN in opera, the *action takes place on more than* one level. But even an audience that has remained unaware of the political and philosophical dimensions in the "Ring," say, or "The Magic *Flute*" is still provided with a perfectly comprehensible story line. Far more complex are the difficulties arising in the case of "The Midsummer Marriage," Sir Michael Tippett's first opera which received a new ENO production at the Coliseum.

The *home-work* addict, however diligent, is liable to be defeated by the multitude of allusions and quotations from the world's literature and myths *on which the composer has* drawn for his own libretto. And few people are likely to comprehend that the basic obstacle to Mark and Jenifer's marriage *is their need first to undergo the* Jungian individuation process so as to come to terms with the masculine and feminine sides of their natures.

Tippett symbolises the division between the spiritual and the sensual realm by letting the *bride* climb up the stairs to heaven while Mark descends into a cave—"for me the light, for you the shadow."

All the more vexing then if, although the ladder had already been seen leaning against boxes with the curtain still down, the producer David Pountney cuts short Jenifer's crucial ascent after a few steps and, by way of sobering irony, has her carried off-stage. Again, if quite often Tippett's dramatically obscure scenes at least offer what might be described as an attractive symbiosis of acoustic and of visual music it is a pity that Pountney—as one remembers from his Dvorak "Rusalka"—has ridden roughshod over the composer's intended nature imagery.

And why distort the allegorical significance of the Three Ritual Dances (familiar by now from the concert hall) by having the male victims—hare, fish and bird—attacked not by a female hound, otter and hawk, but by a hostile group of both sexes. Nor is it fair to this opera's explicit accent on youth and renewal to entrust the exuberant chorus of "girls" to drably-clad middle-aged ladies—just for the sake of a sneer at Greenham Common. *None of which is to deny* the skill and inventiveness of Stefanos Lazaridis's sets and manifold gadgets, Sally Gardner's costumes and Nick Chelton's *lighting*.

Ah yes—and there is the score, containing some music of exhilarating vitality by the middle-period Tippett. It was played accordingly under the lively baton of Mark Elder. I very much liked both Helen Field's high-minded, high-lying Jenifer and Lesley Garrett's Papageneish Bella, suitably partnered by John Treleaven's Mark and Maldwyn Davies's Jack. Alfreda Hodgson was the *invisible but oh how audible* clairvoyant Sosostris. Perhaps Anthony Raffell did not sound quite aggressive enough for that blimpish bully, King Fisher.

Peter Stadlen

TELEVISION / A faithful portrait

IF YOU are a nervously inclined orphan waiting in an English convent school for the German invasion in 1940, you pray to St Dymphna.

If, deserted by your husband, you wander homeless through the barrios of Bogota searching for your two lost children, you are instructed to remember the law of Love.

The Roman Catholic Church, whose sources of influence were explored in two violently contrasted settings last night, *always has answers of a kind*.

The first in a new series of Global Report (BBC 2) found the Catholic priest at his best *in the front line* of the desperate struggle for survival in the shanty towns of the Colombian capital whether co-ordinating action against encroaching bulldozers or just as a certain point of reference for an endless stream of rootless, drifting humanity.

By boldly and sensitively using the actual barrio inhabitants to construct and act out their own experiences, the opening story of Nada, the woman searching for her children, achieved a gentle, understated conviction that might escape other more polished and professional productions. The consequently necessary sub-titles seemed no barrier.

The story itself aspired to the proportions of Greek tragedy with Nada, which in Spanish means "nothing," compelled to ask the murderer of her son to divulge the whereabouts of her daughter.

Lines often had an epic simplicity and *clarity born of* suffering. "Even if we steal, we still die of hunger" or "People die very easily. The hard part is living."

Shining unbelievably through the poverty of the barrios, which properly look down from the mountainsides on to *the rich modern city of* Bogota spread out beneath them, was the sheer dignity of the people.

They have, after all, not much also to hang on to apart from age-old Indian stoicism and a simple Christian faith, a potent mix.

The foundations of that faith came under searching scrutiny in Sacred Hearts (C4) in the Film on Four series, and with good reason.

The dispenser of Catholicism in this instance to orphan girls circa 1940 was one Sister Thomas, played with chilling severity by Anna Massey, for whom the war against Hitler came a very poor second to the war against Satan.

But a blessed doctor was on hand to bring relief in the form of generous shots for girls and interested Sisters alike from a handy hip-flask.

Based on the experience of Barbara Rennie, who both wrote and directed the piece, and her mother, it had authenticity.

But the comedy, funny and touching as it often was, occasionally threatened to get out of hand, *notably in the* gratuitous and clumsily theatrical scene in which two girls discover that Father and Sister have been more intimate than wise.

And the marriage between the comic and the underlying serious analysis of the effect of *strict Catholic teaching on im*pressionable girls was under sufficient strain to make the nervous want to turn to St Dymphna for assurance.

Robin Stringer

American premiere

By Our Arts Staff

A new clarinet concerto by the United States composer Donald Erb will be given its first performance at a Queen Elizabeth Hall concert on Wednesday. The soloist will be the leading American clarinettist Richard Stoltzman with the Academy of London conducted by Richard Stamp.

The concerto has been specially commissioned by the orchestra for the occasion, which is being given as part of the American Festival.

DANCE / Merce Cunningham

DANCE innovators who continue *to produce rewarding* choreography in their sixties are of the utmost value, and Merce Cunningham, who offered a complete change of programme on *Wednesday night at Sadler's* Wells, remains both prolific and resourceful.

His London repertoire contains seven works composed in the past two-and-a-half years, and there is no flagging in his dance ingenuity.

His very personal idiom is intensely therapeutic to watch. Its assured serenity, based on the smoothest physical co-ordination and control, produces a rare sense of perfect orientation.

Much of the enchantment, both in the two new productions, "Inlet 2" and "Phrases," and in the 1979 "Roadrunners," derives from his masterly juxtaposition of movement and stillness. At times the action resembles a delicate and sophisticated game of statues.

Equally, there is a perennial freshness of detail and idea that never deserts him. Nothing is overdone—there is a sparing use of lifts, of novel groupings, of leaps or throws that serve to heighten the general effect.

The opening number, "Inlets 2," set to an accompaniment of gentle water-gurgling created by John Cage, has a meditative mood, an air of invocation.

The choreography here and in "Phrases" combines the elegant deportment of court or classical ballet with basic limbering exercises and with contemporary dance techniques, *all embellished with* special Cunningham felicities and idiosyncracies.

Every element is fluently united so that pauses are a natural part of sequences rather than disruptions.

"Roadrunners" adds a further dimension—a wry humour expressed through a subtle manipulation of dance; and Cunningham's small company presents every work with meticulous understanding and care.

K. Sorley Walker

A new Coppelia

Peter Schaufuss, London Festival Ballet's artistic director, and Eva Evdokimova will dance the leading roles of Franz and Swanilda in the first performance of Ronald Hynd's new version of "Coppelia" at the London Coliseum on July 2. The Festival Ballet production has been made possible by £85,000 worth of sponsorship from Barclays Bank which attracted a further £25,000 from the Government's Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme.

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BRITISH LIBRARY, Great Russell St. W.C.1. SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The 200th Anniversary of the newspaper; Weekdays 10-5, Sun. 2.30-6. Admission free.

BROWSE & DARBY, 19 Cork Street, London, W.1. 01-734 7984. PHILIP SUTTON—recent paintings.

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FINE ART SOCIETY, 148, New Bond St., W.1. 01-629 5116. SPRING EXHIBITION.

FISCHER FINE ART, 30 King St., St James's, S.W.1. 01-839 3849. ART AND DESIGN IN MAHLER'S VIENNA. Until 24 May. Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30.

MARTIN WARE Aquatints, MAL MAGSON New Stoneware until 15 June at Robin Gallery, Station Road, Henley, Oxon.

MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, W.1. HIDDEN PEOPLES OF THE AMAZON — Life in the Tropical Rainforest. Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 2.30-6. Adm free.

NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar Square, London W.C.2. 01-839 3321. Weekdays 10-6. Sun. 2-6. Adm. free. MASTERPIECES FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND. Until 27 May. Recorded info. 01-839 3526.

NEW GRAFTON GALLERY, 49 Church Road, Barnes, S.W.13. FRED CUMMING, R.A. Recent Paintings.

OMELL GALLERIES, 23 Bury St, S.W.1. tel. 01-839 4274. Exhibition of marine paintings 15th May to 24th May. Monday to Saturday, 10 till 6 p.m.

RICHARD GREEN, 41 Dover Street, W.1. 493 3938. MODERN BRITISH PAINTINGS. Daily 10-6. Sats. 10-12.30.

ROYAL ACADEMY Piccadilly. 01-734 9052. EDWARD LEAR. Open daily 10-6. Inc. Sun. Adm. £2; £1·40 until 1.45 Sun. & conc. rate.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank, SW1. MERLYN EVANS: political paintings. Until 16 June. RICHARD DEACON: sculpture. Until 16 June. Adm free. Weekdays 10-5.50. Sun. 2-5.50. Recorded info. 01-821 7128.

THACKERY GALLERY, 18, Thackery St., W.8. 937 5883. KYFFIN WILLIAMS—Recent Paintings. Until 31 May.

EXHIBITIONS

HOLOGRAFHICA. Holograms & laser exhibitions. Southwark Cathedral (London Bridge) daily, includes Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 1-31 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays. Admission £2·50 adults, £1·50 children & OAPs. In support of Christian Aid. Africa famine.

THE 91st BUXTON ANTIQUES FAIR, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, Derbyshire. Open until 19th May. 12 noon-9 p.m. daily (last day 12 noon-6 p.m.).

WHITFORD & HUGHES, 6, Duke St, St James's, S.W.1. Tel. 01-930 9532. Anna Ecmb. Moments et Jours de la Femme Fatale. 3 May-June 7. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fully illus. colour cat. £7·50 p.p.

COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

May 16.

His Excellency Mr Willie A. Givens was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Liberia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr James H. Stevens (Minister Counsellor), Mr Alexander H. N. Wallace, III (First Secretary), Mr Hannibal L. Grigsby (First Secretary), Mrs Rose D. Price (Second Secretary), Mr Jonathan S. Reffell (Press Counsellor) and Ms Hawa Z. Barkon (Attaché).

Mrs Givens had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Ewen Fergusson (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Lord Carrington had an audience of The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Marquess of Normanby had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Mr P. C. Petrie was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Brussels.

Mrs Petrie had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Hurstpierpoint College, West Sussex.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk) and the Chairman of the School Council (Sir John Barnes).

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of World Wildlife Fund International and a Vice-President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, later left Gatwick Airport, London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Switzerland where His Royal Highness will attend meetings in Gland, and afterwards in Divonne-les-Bains, France.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of World Wildlife Fund International, will also visit the National Organisations in Finland and West Germany.

Brigadier Clive Robertson is in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips today attended the Devon County Show at Exeter.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Devon (the Earl of Morley), the Mayor of Exeter (Councillor R. Slack) and the President of Devon County Agricultural Association (Captain P. Studholme).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE,

May 16.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this morning visited Dr Barnardo's at Lineside Close, Liverpool, L25.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness visited Thingwall Hall Residential Training Centre, Broadgreen, Liverpool, 14.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, R.N., travelled in an HS125 aircraft of the Royal Air Force.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 16

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Newport, Shropshire, and was received on arrival at R.A.F. Shawbury by Her *Majesty's Lord Lieutenant* for Shropshire (Mr John Dugdale).

Her Royal Highness, as Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, this afternoon visited Adams' Grammar School.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon later opened the new Science Building at Harper Adams Agricultural College, Newport.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon. Mrs Whitehead.

KENSINGTON PALACE,

May 16.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon opened Salisbury City Almshouse and Welfare Charities, "Gloucester House," Hudson Road, Salisbury.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester today received a scroll of Honorary Fellowship of The Institution of Structural Engineers from the hands of the President, Mr A. C. Paterson, and afterwards was entertained at luncheon at the Institution's headquarters in Belgravia by the President and Council members.

Lt-Col. Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at the film premiere of "The American Dream," in aid of The King's Medical Research Trust at the Classic Cinema, Haymarket, London, W.1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 16

Princess Alexandra, with the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon opened the Isle of Man Special Olympic Games at the Onchan Stadium and later attended a Reception at Government House.

Her Royal Highness and Mr Ogilvy travelled to the Isle of Man in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard is in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the Imperial War Museum at R A F Duxford to mark the 50th anniversary of the Jubilee Flv Past on July 6.

Prince Michael of Kent will visit R A F Honington on May 28.

Princess Alexandra will visit Bolton Under Pives Forum at Kensington House, Bolton, Greater Manchester, on June 3.

The Hon. Mrs Nicholas Soames gave birth to a son on Wednesday in London.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir Eric Mensforth is 79 today; Sir Edward Playfair is 76; Sir Alec Ogilvie 72; Miss Birgit Nilsson 67; Sir John Garlick 64; Marshal of the R A F Sir Michael Beetham 62; Sir Francis Tombs 61; the Earl of Airlie 59; Mr Ronald Halstead 58; and Mr Dennis Potter 50.

Today is a national holiday in Norway.

Wedding

Mr N. H. Shand and
Mrs J. C. A. Corcoran

The marriage took place in London on May 14 between Mr Neil Shand and Mrs Judith Corcoran, daughter of Lt-Cdr the Hon. Walter and Mrs Keppel.

SERVICE LUNCHEON

1st A.A. Brigade Company, R A S C

The 39th reunion luncheon of the 1st A.A. Brigade Company, R A S C, was held on Wednesday at the Naval and Military Club. Major J. G. Anderson presided and several officers attended.

DINNERS

The Speaker

The Speaker gave a dinner yesterday evening in Speaker's House in honour of Chief Adam Sapi Mkwawa, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania. The High Commissioner for Tanzania and Mrs Nyakyi were present. Other guests were:

Mr John Aldi, Mr George Berrow, Mr and Mrs Austin Shaba, Mr Ernest Armstrong, M.P., and Mrs Armstrong, Sir Peter Blaker, M.P., and Lady Blaker, Mr Merlyn Rees, M.P., and Mrs Rees, Mr Guy Barnett, M.P., and Mrs Barnett, Mr William Cash, M.P., and Mrs Cash, Mr Kenneth Eastham, M.P., and Mrs Eastham, Sir Raymond Gower, M.P., and Lady Gower, Mr Stuart Holland, M.P., and Mrs Holland, Mr Russell Johnston, M.P., Mr Mohamed Mwindadi, Mr and Mrs Leonard Shields, Mrs Ady Sykes, Canon and Mrs Trevor Beeson, Mr Roger Nicholson, Mr and Mrs John Sweetman and Mr and Mrs William Beaumont.

Wheelwrights' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Sir Alan and Lady Traill, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual banquet of the Wheelwrights' Company held last night at the Mansion House. They were received by the Master, Mr R. H. Gould, the Upper Warden, Mr D. J. King, the Renter Warden, Mr J. A. F. Taylor, and their ladies. Mr D. G. Humphreys proposed the toast of the guests to which Mr W. E. Wood replied.

SERVICE DINNER

TA&VR Association

The Council of the TA&VR Association held a dinner last night at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in honour of Maj.-Gen. J. M. W. Badcock, Col T. E. Forman-Hardy, Col J. H. Neale and Col R. T. M. Williams. Maj.-Gen. A. L. Watson, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of the Royal Hospital, was also present. The President of the Council, Col Viscount Ridley, was in the chair and the other speakers were Sir Peter Hudson, Chairman, and Maj.-Gen. Badcock.

ST ALBANS SCHOOL

A memorial service for Mr W. T. Marsh, Headmaster of St Albans School 1951-1964, will be held in the Abbey and Cathedral Church of St Albans at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 7.

TEXTILE INSTITUTE

A special convocation of the Textile Institute was held on May 14 at Chelsea Town Hall, to mark the 75th anniversary of the Institute's Foundation and the 60th anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter. There were present:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Masters of the Drapers', Woolmen's and Framework Knitters' Companies, the Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company, members of the Institute's International Governing Council and representatives of its Area Sections and National Advisory Committees throughout the world.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.30; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 10.15.

British Museum: Pottery: Garland, "Greeks at war," 11.30; Margaret Lyttelton, "The Ionic order of architecture," 1.15.

Museum of London: Tim Barnett, "London in 1685," 1.10.

Display by Band of the Omani Air Force, in Serpentine, Hyde Park.

St Anne's Church, Soho: Lunchtime Concert by Guildhall String Ensemble, 1.10.

St Paul's Cathedral: Organ recital by Robert Bassion, 12.30.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Richard Garland, "Looking at Greek sculpture," 11.30; "The Athenian home," 1.15.

Victoria & Albert Museum: Elizabeth Murdoch, "Tudor embroidery and furniture," 13; "Tudor and Stuart dress," 3.

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Opera board 'will quit over cuts' warning

By ROBIN STRINGER

Sir Claus Moser, chairman of the Royal Opera House, said yesterday that the board would resign rather than authorise "the draconian cuts" that would be necessary if the reduction in next year's grant matched this year's as threatened.

"The Government and the Arts Council must not blind themselves to the damaging consequences of their cutbacks", said Sir Claus.

He called for a Government inquiry into the whole area of arts financing.

"We are fed up with being treated as if we were irresponsible schoolboys when we have gone to enormous lengths to cut costs and be efficient.

"What is so pathetic about all this is that the sum of money needed to make everyone in the arts happy is about £20 million, much less than the cost of a new nozzle for Concorde."

Sir Claus said the situation was getting so serious that he thought it quite likely that all four heads of the major national companies, Sir John Tooley at the Royal Opera House, Sir Peter Hall at the National Theatre, Lord Harewood at English National Opera, and Trevor Nunn at the Royal Shakespeare Company, would join together to make a public statement on the crisis.

The Opera House, which plans to hold seat prices at least for the start of the season in September, in fact mounting seven new Royal Opera productions next season.

Sir John Tooley, the general director, explained that this was possible only because last year's bonus from Priestley had enabled the Opera House to carry forward £860,000 into the current financial year.

Sir Claus said that this year's increase of 1·9 per cent. for the Royal Opera House, giving it £12,595,000, in effect amounted to a seven per cent. cut because inflation in the arts was running at nine per cent.

Referring to the Priestley recommendations, which gave the Opera House a 17 per cent. increase in its grant and wiped out its £1,400,000 deficit, Sir Claus said that other recommendations for "targeted funding" had been quietly ignored.

The new productions are the British première of Stockhausen's "Donnerstag aus 'Licht'" which will mark Michael Bogdanov's debut as an opera producer; Zemlinsky's "A Florentine Tragedy" and "The Birthday of the Infanta" in a co-production with Hamburg State Opera; Verdi's "Otello" conducted by Carlos Kleiber and produced by Sir Peter Hall; Wagner's "Der Fliegende Holländer" produced by Andrei Tarkovsky; Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in a production originally mounted for the Aldeburgh Festival; and Beethoven's "Fidelio" produced by Andrei Serban and conducted by Sir Colin Davis.

Obituary

HELEN HAWKINS

Miss Helen Kathleen Hawkins who has died aged 96, was principal of Bishop Lonsdale teacher training college, Derby, from 1929 to 1956.

She gained a wide reputation for her progressive work in the training of teachers and became an authority on the Icelandic sagas, travelling to Iceland to visit the sites and learning the language almost until she was 90.

She was born in India, the daughter of an Indian civil servant and educated at Bedford College, London University. She was appointed an O.B.E. in 1956.

Margaret Hamilton

Margaret Hamilton, who has died in Connecticut aged 83, was an American character actress who sent shivers up the spines of generation of children as the Wicked Witch in the film version of "The Wizard of Oz." A former kindergarten teacher, her role in the 1939 classic proved to be the summit of her career.

She made many other films, however, the last, "The Anderson Tapes," was in 1971.

Rear Admi Robert William Parker. At Bath aged 83. Deputy Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet 1955-55, entered Royal Navy 1918, specialised engineering 1922-24. Served 1939-45 War. Engineer Officer in battleship Rodney 1942-44, Indomitable 1944-46. Commandant, HMS Caledonia. R N Apprentices Training Establishment, Rosyth 1948-52. Rear-Admiral (E) on staff

Stanley James Beresford Skyrme. At Worthing, aged 75. Chief Executive, National Bus Co 1972-76, director 1972-78. Joined Tillings bus company 1951. CBE 1975.

WAY OF THE WORLD

If Only

TINKERING about with various aspects of the Local Government Bill, by which it is proposed to abolish the G L C and the "metropolitan county" councils, the Lords three times voted against the Government by small majorities.

There was talk of highways and the environment and the countryside, Green Belts, Black Lumps and suchlike matters. But as far as I know not one single peer got up to demand the reversal of all the infamous Heatho-Walkerian reforms of 1974, root and branch, and the restoration of all our ancient counties.

I dare say any peer who had done his plain duty in this way would have got many a patronising laugh and even, from a few, a quizzical fixing of eyeglasses and murmurs of "exceedingly droll, to be sure."

But what a roar of approval he would have got from the sane people remaining in this country—and for all the incessant efforts to destroy their sanity there must still be quite a few!

In the Bunker

A JOINT working party from the Home Office, the Ministry of Transport and Scotland Yard is reported to be examining a plan for partly "privatising" parking enforcement. Some garages would be empowered to clamp and tow away cars in London.

When he heard of this, J. Bonington Jagworth, Britain's most eminent motorist and chief of the Motorists' Liberation Front, turned purple, with two-tone puce flashes and genuine leopard-skin upholstery, and at once summoned a meeting of the Supreme Command at his inspection-pit bunker "somewhere near Staines."

He has already declared war on the police for their clamping policy and threatened reprisals on police cars. This new idea left even him gasping for words. But taking a prodigious gulp of "B G A", with a dash of brake-fluid, from his silver presentation hub-cap, he roared:

"*This is abominable!* You see the fiendish cunning of it? They're trying to drive a wedge between us drivers and the garagemen! Divide and rule! Padre, this is your pigeon," he said, turning to the Rev. John Goodwheel, Chaplain-General to the M L F, known to millions as the "Apostle of the Motorways," who was worriedly fingering the pectoral spanner which hangs from the collar of his fur-lined jacket.

"Can't you pronounce a what's it called—anathema—on this so-called working party? Blast 'em? Strike 'em dead?"

Goodwheel inclined his head, joining the tips of his oil-stained fingers in a pious gesture. "It is no light matter," he murmured, "to invoke the help of the spiritual motoring powers for purposes of destruction, however just the cause, however evil—indeed I would in this case use the word diabolical—the wrongdoers.

"Should we not first appeal to the garagemen's better nature? I cannot bring myself to believe that many will take the thirty pieces of silver they will be offered. I believe they will reject the fatal bribe with indignation and contempt—"

"Then you've got a better opinion of them than I have!" bawled Jagworth. "This holier-than thou stuff is all very well in its proper place. But this is war!"

"This attempt by the ruling class to set the motoring class and the garage class at loggerheads is a typical phenomenon of the crisis of Late Twentieth Century Automobilism," said Royston Cylinder, the Marxist Chief-of-Staff.

"By the iron law of Necessity, from thesis and antithesis must inevitably emerge a motoring synthesis," he went on. Then, noticing that Jagworth looked as if he had not merely blown a gasket but was about to explode altogether, even he for once fell silent.

Vandalism

A BUNGALOW being built at Watchet in Somerset has a 50ft electricity transmission pole standing in the middle of the sitting-room and poking through a hole in the roof.

The builder has been working round the pole in order to complete the bungalow on schedule. No wonder it is said to have become a local attraction. Everybody will be wanting an electricity pole through the middle of their house. It will become the smart thing, like a "patio-area" or jacuzzi.

Or so keen electricity fans would think. But I'm sorry to say that the pole is only there because the South Western Electricity Board has been delayed in re-routing a power line. By the time you read this the pole will probably have been chopped down.

Paul Ohm, the well-known freelance technologist, who has a small electricity transformer in his dining room, is driving furiously from Edgbaston to Watchet to stop what he calls "this act of wanton vandalisme" But I'm afrajd he may be too late.

Serve Them Right

THE Labour controlled Nerdley Borough Council was one of the first in this country to declare its territory a "nuclear-free zone," and to put up dozens of notices to that effect, at considerable expense, on all roads leading into it.

The notices, whose design was personally approved by Cllr J. S. Trout, chairman of the borough planning committee, are manufactured by the Trout Signboard Company, an enterprising firm which also got the contract for signboards for every village street, down to the smallest alley, in the remaining semi-rural parts of the borough.

In cases where the backward inhabitants did not know what particular streets were called or where they had never had recognised names at all, Cllr Trout himself gave them names like "Trout Avenue." "Troutway." "Troutgreen Lane" and so on, in a positive frenzy of naming hardly known since the days of Adam.

Even better, most of them are due to be renamed after Nelson Mandela later on.

A few backward people, many of them fascist, racist, sexist reactionaries and enemies of the human race, have been complaining about the alleged waste of ratepayers' money, particularly on "nuclear-free zone" signs. They have been punished in an exemplary way.

Their premises — some of them are middle-class people living in reduced circumstances in houses far too big for them in once pleasant, leafy suburbs like Hokewell and Lampton-on-Nerd — have not only had their rateable values doubled but have been declared "non-nuclear-free," with huge signboards to indicate the fact.

So in the event of war, while enlightened citizens of Nerdley enjoy peace and security, these hated enclaves of reaction will be exposed to the full fury of a nuclear holocaust.

Peter Simple

Forthcoming Marriages

Lt-Cdr A. P. Dickson, R.N., and Miss E. A. S. Smith

The engagement is announced between Andrew Peat, son of Mr J. H. Dickson, of Chryston, Lanarkshire, and the late Mrs L. S. Dickson, and Elizabeth Anne Shawcross, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. S. Smith, of Forestside, West Sussex.

Major M. R. Keen and Miss J. Kup

The engagement is announced between Major Michael Keen, R.C.T., only son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Keen, of Wells, Somerset, and June, younger daughter of the late Dr R. P. W. Kup and of Mrs P. M. Kup, of Selattyn, Shropshire.

Flt Lt P. J. Scott and Miss O. E. Hardcastle

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Scott, of Yate, Bristol, and Flying Officer Odette Hardcastle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Hardcastle, of Nettleham, Lincoln.

Dr J. P. Hancock and *Miss A. E. M. Seaman*

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs E. C. Hancock, and Anna, daughter of Mr R. J. Seaman and the late Mrs R. M. Seaman, of Henley, Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr H. F. Houghton and Miss J. R. Bennett

The engagement is announced between Fergus, son of the late Brigadier F. W. Houghton and of Mrs C. M. Houghton, of Paignton, and Janet, daughter of the late Mr H. G. Bennett and of Mrs D. Bennett, of Andover.

Mr C. E. J. Jerram and Miss C. M. Jenyns

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Colonel and Mrs E. J. Jerram, of Poplars Farm, Evenlode, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and Caroline, daughter of Major and Mrs G. A. B. Jenyns, of The Timber House, Hutton Lowcross, Guisborough, Cleveland.

Mr T. J. Vernon-Dier and Miss H. G. Rogers

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Lt-Col and Mrs J. Vernon-Dier, of The Birches, Alsager, Cheshire, and Heather Gail, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Rogers, of Orchard House, Rosebery Avenue, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr D. W. Rampling and Miss T. J. Clark

The engagement is announced between David William, second son of Mr and Mrs Robert Rampling, of Quay House, Kirby-Le-Soken, and Tracy Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Gerald Clark, of Popses, Kirby-Le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea.

Mr J. D. O. Ranger and Miss S. R. Martin

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Ranger, of Cromer, Hertfordshire, and Sonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Martin, of Bolney, Sussex.

Mr J. W. Kinna and Miss S. J. Dodd

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Wyatt Kinna, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Kinna, of Heydon, Cambridgeshire, and Sara Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Dodd, of Doha, Qatar.

Mr E. R. Arnett and *Miss R. K. Williams*

The engagement is announced between Eric, son of Mr and Mrs R. Arnett, of Ide Hill, Kent, and Rona, daughter of Mrs B. M. W. Frayne-McArdle and stepdaughter of Mr B. M. W. Frayne-McArdle, of Southborough, Kent.

Mr S. L. Haynes and Miss S. G. Wilkins

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs M. L. Haynes, of Lindfield, West Sussex, and Sarah Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. W. Wilkins, of Wymondham, Norfolk.

Mr G. S. Backhouse and Miss V. A. Richards

The engagement is announced between Gavin Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs A. L. Backhouse, of Hampstead, London, and Victoria Alice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Richards, of Hertfordshire.

Mr J. S. Strickson and *Miss A. J. Jewitt*

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs I. Strickson and the late Mr L. Strickson, of Harrogate, Yorks., and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Jewitt, of Abingdon, Oxon.

Mr J. Clark and Miss S. J. Hanwell

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. Clark, of Newland, Glasgow, and Sarah, younger daughter of the late Mr D. M. Hanwell and of Mrs H. Hanwell, of Alverstoke, Gosport, Hants.

Mr J. A. Finneron and Mrs A. Crookenden

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr and Mrs Edward Finneron, and Ann Crookenden, of Thornhill Fields, Passfield, Hampshire, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Alan Routh.

LUNCHEON

Her Majesty's Government

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, M.P., Minister for Information Technology, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House by Her Majesty's Government in honour of M. H. Curien, Minister for Research and Technology of the Republic of France.

RECEPTIONS

Prime Minister

The Duke of Kent was present at a reception held by the Prime Minister on Wednesday evening at 10 Downing Street on the occasion of the "Exporting for Jobs" initiative.

British Uruguayan Society

The Ambassador of Uruguay and Señora de Posadas and Viscount and Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein were guests of honour at a reception held last night at the Savoy by the British Uruguayan Society to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its Foundation. The President of the Society, Sir Norman Brain, and the Chairman, Wing Commander E. W. Whitaker, and Mrs Whitaker, received the guests.

British Veterinary Association

Sir Peter Mills, M.P. entertained officers of the British Veterinary Association and their guests at a reception at the House of Commons last night.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 002706 of 1985. CHANCERY DIVISION. In the matter of WESTERFORD ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION (formerly The Southern Life Association) and in the matter of THE SOUTHERN LIFE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (formerly Anglo American Life Assurance Company Limited) and in the matter of the Insurance Companies Act 1982. NOTICE UNDER SECTION 49 (3) (a) OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 19th April 1985 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above named Westerford Assurance Association (hereinafter called "Westerford") and The Southern Life Association Limited (hereinafter called "The Southern") for the sanction of the Court as required by Section 49 of the above mentioned Act to a Scheme involving the transfer to and acceptance by The Southern of the long term business (as defined by the said Act) carried on in the United Kingdom by Westerford or that such Order may be made as to the Court shall seem meet.

A copy of the said Petition (to which a copy of the said Scheme is annexed, a copy of the Report on the terms of the said Scheme by an Independent Actuary (as required by Section 49 of the said Act) and an explanatory document concerning the said Scheme and its implementation will be open to inspection at each of the addresses set out below during normal business hours on any day (except a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the Hearing of the said Petition. The addresses for inspection are (a) SMYTH & CO, Solicitors for the Petitioners, Bradenham House, Leicester Place, London WC2E 7EN and (b) EAGLE STAR INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED, 1, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AN AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 24th day of June 1985 and any person (including any employee of Westerford or The Southern who claims to be adversely affected by the carrying out of the said Scheme may appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose, in which case he or she is requested to give 2 clear days' prior notice to Messrs Smyth & Co. of his or her intention so to appear stating the grounds of his or her objection to the undermentioned Solicitors. Any policyholder of Westerford or The Southern who dissents from the proposed Scheme but who does not desire to appear at the hearing of the said Petition should give not less than 2 clear days' prior notice in writing of such dissent and the grounds thereof to the undermentioned Solicitors. A copy of the said Petition (having annexed thereto a copy of the said Scheme) and a copy of the Report of the Independent Actuary and the explanatory documents referred to above will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors at any time before the Order sanctioning the said Scheme is made on the said Petition on payment of the regulated charge for the same. DATED this 17th day of May 1985. Smyth & Co., Bradenham House, Leicester Place, London WC2E 7EN, Solicitors for Westerford and The Southern.

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Bridging the community gap

BY NAOMI MAY

SET up during the 1976 Peace Movement, the Peace and Reconciliation Centre in Londonderry is one of Ulster's innumerable neighbourhood groups whose energy, dedication and goodwill have kept hope alive in spite of the "troubles."

"It's dreadful to think of young people growing up knowing nothing but horrors" said Allen Faulkner, the vice-chairman. "We simply had to do something."

Its 13 members are drawn from every social, political and religious background: chairwoman Margaret O'Donnell is a Catholic nurse. Allen Faulkner is a Methodist.

Activities are financed by small council grants, charities and well-wishers and, apart from a secretary and one paid co-ordinator, all helpers are voluntary, including some, themselves hard-pressed, who are unemployed. These ordinary good-hearted people give up their leisure and at times risk their lives to heal divisions in a city so embittered that many Catholics and Protestants never meet.

Londonderry (Derry for Catholics) is historic and picturesque, its walls intact, its towers and spires rising in silhouette from the banks of the Foyle. But the river is a barrier, and there are Protestants in the Waterside who are reluctant to cross it, even to shop in the main part of the city of whose 90,000 inhabitants 70 per cent. are Roman Catholic.

Unemployment, endemic since the war but aggravated by violence, is now, at 29·2 per cent., so acute that a man of 50 is automatically given a supplementary benefit book. Since the disturbances began in 1968 the housing stock has doubled and half the population has been rehoused, but this astonishing achievement has been undermined by terrorists who have bombed discos, cinemas, libraries and supermarkets, leaving new estates bereft of amenities.

"We couldn't just sit back and let it happen," said Margaret O'Donnell in one of two small rooms where people of all ages, but especially parents worried about teenagers in trouble, come for advice, sometimes crowding the place intolerably. Trust is all-important and problems are discussed in the strictest confidence. As a result, members of the Centre are accepted across the sectarian divide and are thus enabled to form valuable links between the community, welfare workers and the police.

Nowadays mob violence is rare, but its tragic legacy has been a polarisation of the two communities, which remain segregated by suspicion and bitter memories. To convert hostility into friendship the Centre organises mixed (Protestant and Catholic) outings, children's holidays, and sports: bowls and football for men, darts for the ladies. Wherever possible, matches take place on the home ground of the challenging team so that the visitors have to come into an estate they would normally never enter.

A mini-bus, bought with the help of Toyota, ferries people from separated estates and is welcome even in the most troubled areas. Accommodating 12 teenagers or 10 senior citizens, it made its first long journey in 1982 when the Cork Peace Council paid all expenses for a "mixed" holiday.

For outsiders the Ulster "solution" is seen in terms of frontiers and politics, but the real salvation of the Province lies in its people whose vitality is as irrepressible as is their courage, kindliness—and sense of fun. The Centre's next project for reconciling Derry with Londonderry is to be tugs-of-war between all estates.

● Protestant Sam Brown (left), with his mate Jim Duffy, a Catholic, pictured with the Centre's bus on the Protestant Waterside above the old bridge, with the Catholic Bogside in the background.

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE QUIET HEROINES

By Lynne Edmunds

BRENDA McBRYDE was a Queen Alexandra army nurse when she met and married her husband in Brussels during the war, but he never really inquired about her battle experiences and she never volunteered them.

"It was only recently when he read my books about the nurses in World War II that he discovered I had been one of four women who kept a field dressing station going in the Caen offensive for 12 days and nights . . . and later ended up nursing concentration camp survivors from Belsen," she said. "I think he was quite impressed."

She insists, though, that her contribution was minimal compared to the stamina and heroism of most of the other 13,000 Queen Alexandra military and naval nurses, drawn from women of all ages and social standing, whose deeds she records in "Quiet Heroines" (Chatto and Windus, £9·95). Her reticence, though, is typical of them all, from dukes' daughters to working class girls.

"Before I did my research, visiting women and getting letters giving their experiences in reply to newspaper advertisements in the Daily Telegraph and Australian papers, even I had no idea they had served on so many fronts. They were treating bubonic plague victims in the Egyptian desert and sleeping in trenches for months behind the front line at Anzio. Nurses made a complete break with British medical tradition and nursed the Indian Army wounded in snake-ridden field hospitals along the Brahmaputra and starved alongside the Maltese until the German seige of the island was broken.

"They nursed back to health concentration camp survivors and the Chindit jungle regiments who fought the Japanese."

"It was the men's need of us, and their own stoical behaviour and unselfish concern for their comrades, that kept us going," Brenda recalled. "We couldn't avoid getting fond of many of them. Often a patient was at a very tricky stage after a huge operation. You didn't know if he was going to make it or not but you DID know that he was hanging on to you with his whole being."

So many women showed such bravery: nursing the wounded under fire on the carriers picking them up from the Normandy beachheads; working on, despite the bombing, on the hospital trains and ships that got thousands of men back home to safety; staying on shipwrecked vessels until the last moment, then going on tending those that survived (when, of course, they survived themselves) for days on liferafts.

But, it was undeniably those nurses who fell into the hands of the Japanese who were most tested. Brenda records flatly how the troops over-ran hospitals bayoneting patients in their beds. Nurses were raped and, in incidents like the Banka Island massacre, gunned down in the sea.

Australian sisters were sent to Japan as slave labour, and frequently beaten, for over 3 years. Others were interned, but many of them worked on, sacrificing for their fellow prisoners—and survived the years of abuse and malnutrition.

At Padang Jail they were in the forefront of a rebellion of women prisoners who stood their ground and refused to hand over the girls among them to their jailors for their "amusement." That was one of many unequal battles of strength they won.

Sister Mary Currie's firm stand during the invasion of Hong Kong stopped a Japanese officer in his tracks and made him call off his rampaging soldiers, so saving nurses and patients alike. She showed him how, at her instigation, a Japanese general had been honoured in death: wrapped in his national flag and decorated with his medals, ready for burial. The "honour", was then reciprocated.

Her unshakeable calm led eventually to the officer's puzzled question: "Do Englishwomen never cry?"

● A stretcher party arriving with a wounded soldier at one of the tented hospitals in Normandy

THE MAN BURSTING THE HEALTH FOOD BUBBLE

By Paula Davies

ARNOLD BENDER is a man with a mission, even if he doesn't know it. With his book, "Health or Hoax?" (Elvendon Press, £8·50), he is trying to stop us from making fools of ourselves over health foods and slimming aids.

He probably won't succeed, since we seem to enjoy being conned, but he hopes to wake up the responsible people in the health food industry who seem, like cosmetics manufacturers, to be peddlers of dreams.

As he points out in the book, an excess of anything—even water—can be lethal. "Vitamin D is so toxic it can be used as a rat poison. It is true that certain quantities of vitamins are essential but larger amounts can be dangerous and excessive amounts are lethal.

"Why do people believe wrong things rather than right things?" he sighed. Then he answered us both by reminding me that people are still searching for the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life.

"Even so, some of the claims made for health food products are so ludicrous that you can't believe anyone would swallow them. Ask yourself," he continued. "Do you really believe that 25 different illnesses will be cured by one small pill?

Yet they do, and the health food industry has mushroomed in the last few years.

"In the United States it has a turnover of seven thousand million dollars a year," said Professor Bender, who reckons he is well qualified to do what he describes as a "debunking job on the industry here whose turnover has risen from £30 million in 1973 to £120 million by 1983.

"There are not many people who straddle the different areas of food and drugs," he said. A biochemist who also worked in the food industry, he ended his career in academic life as professor of nutrition and dietetics in the University of London.

Professor Bender claims that the health food industry has always misled people. "There is no such thing as a health food; only a health food industry.

"The food laws are being revised at the moment and I think it is time for vitamins to come under the Medicines Act only, rather than the Food and Drugs Act."

Apparently there is a curious anomaly here for vitamins, when sold under the Medicines Act, are controlled as to claims and amounts. But when sold as foods they are subject only to certain labelling regulations.

He then quoted from a letter to The Lancet last year, which emphasised the differences between the food and medicine approaches. "Preparations marketed for medicinal purposes containing relatively high doses of folic acid are sold by pharmacists on prescription only. Doses as high as 5mg of folate and 25,000 International units of Vitamin A—amounts that are potentially harmful—can be sold by *mail order or over* the counter as health foods."

And then there are the daft claims made for products like Royal Jelly. One such leaflet claims that "Royal Jelly is for health, vitality, energy and youth. Royal Jelly stimulates sexual and reproductive activities, controls appetite, acts as a stimulant on the body to improve physical and intellectual capacities, enhances life span."

Professor Bender's remarks were simple and to the point. "It is rubbish and it is illegal to make claims which are untrue."

Professor Bender demolishes slimming aids and the hundreds of slimming diets in one short chapter, pointing out the truism that if you want to lose weight you have to eat less and if you want to keep to an ideal weight you have to change your eating habits. He is particularly worried about the Cambridge Diet, which is taking off in a big way in East Anglia.

Based on fortified skimmed milk powder which is taken three times a day the diet contains only 330 calories—close to starvation level. Yet a lot of people rave about the weight they have lost.

"In France there is a warning on the packet to that effect." In this country, medical supervision is recommended but since the product is sold "door to door," so to speak, through counsellors as they are called, the chances of medical supervision must be slight indeed.

According to Professor Bender, the kind of monitoring necessary on such a low calorie diet would have to include blood tests. So what is his answer? "Everything in moderation including my own advice."

That advice seems boringly reasonable, which is probably why we turn to more exciting things like special diets. Yet the advice is worth repeating. "If you are overweight, slim slowly. Eat less fat, less sugar, less salt. Eat more fruit, vegetables, bread (preferably wholemeal) and potatoes in their skins."

People often ask him, because he is a nutrition expert, whether certain foods are good or bad. "The answer is there are no bad foods—only bad diets," he said.

● Nutrition expert Professor Arnold Bender: "... some of the claims made for health food products are so ludicrous that you can't believe anyone would swallow them." Picture by SRJDA DJUKANOVIC.

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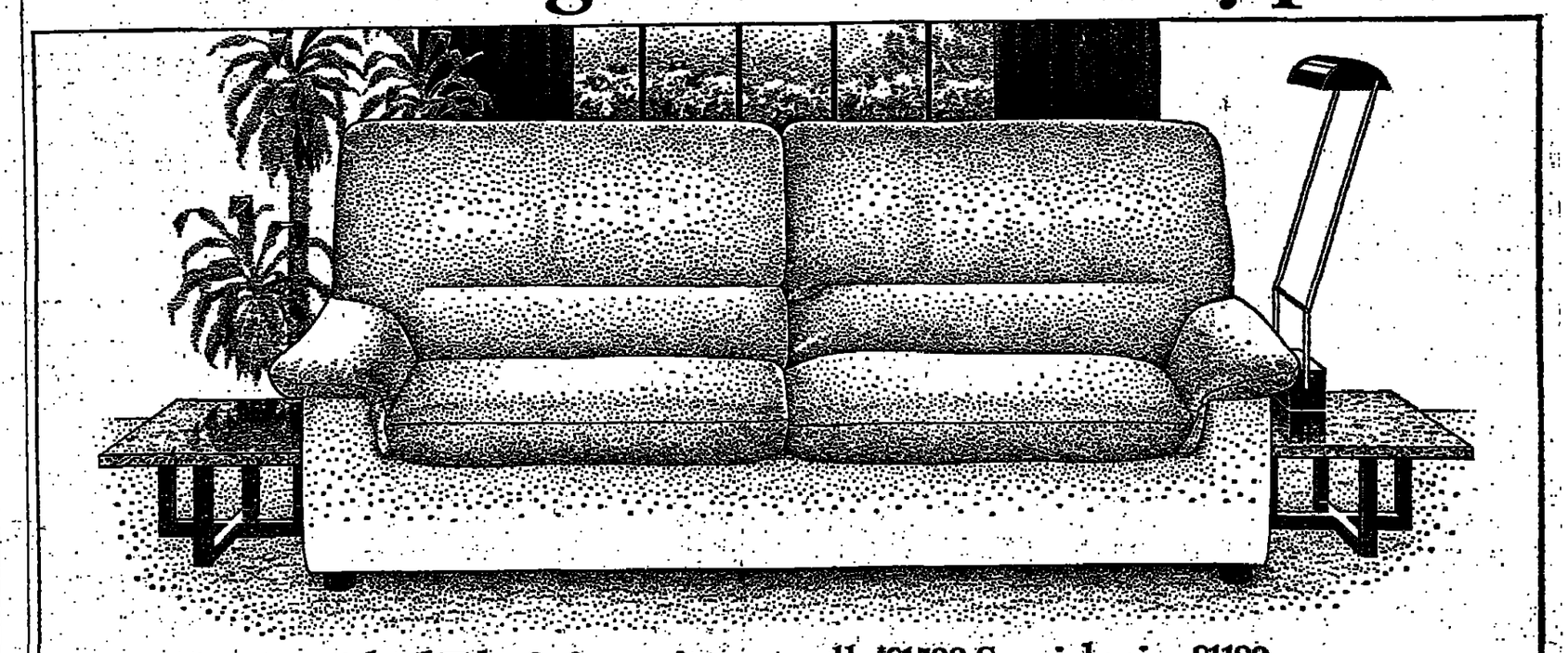

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PUBLIC ORDER

SIR BRITTAN'S WHITE PAPER on Public Order is not a very remarkable document; but how could it have been? As everyone who has given serious thought to the subject knows, the Statute and Common Law already give the authorities nearly all the purely legal powers they need for the preservation of public peace. Inevitably, therefore, the White Paper is mainly concerned with consolidating and simplifying.

Such changes as it proposes to the law are in general sensible. It recommends that in future all those organising marches and processions (other than of a purely religious and ceremonial character) should be obliged to give the police at least seven days notice of their intentions, so that, if necessary, conditions can be imposed in the interest of public order, the avoidance of serious inconvenience and the prevention of intimidation. Well-intentioned demonstrators already give such notice, but it would be no bad thing if those who do not were subject to a fine. Static demonstrations (unruly football crowds, massive and aggressive picketing and provocative public meetings outside embassies, for example) can be as dangerous as mobile militancy. They also, *therefore, should be subject when necessary to* conditions imposed by the police on size and location; but it would not be practicable, the White Paper argues, to impose on the organisers of such assemblies the duty of notification. In practice, therefore, the police would often have to impose their conditions on the spot; which is rather a case of shutting the stable door, but nevertheless could be mildly helpful.

These recommendations (plus a wise suggestion that the police and the Home Secretary should in future be able to ban a specific march without banning all demonstrations in the same area at the same time and a rather dubious suggestion for tightening the law against incitement to racial hatred) represent the proposed innovations. On the strength of this performance, no one in his senses could call Mr BRITTAN a "fascist," but neither can he be accused of feebleness. The key to better public order is not legal reform but an ever more scientific study of police tactics on the ground.

REFORMING THE RATES

ON MONDAY Mr KENNETH BAKER, the Local Government Minister, and his Junior Minister, Mr *WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE, will present their proposals* for the reform of local government finance to Cabinet Ministers. Few will envy the task given to Mr BAKER last autumn; however, even then the inadequacies of the present rating system were so clear that a new structure was imperative. The recent anger of the Scottish Tories—a justified complaint well laced with special pleading—made changes in the rating system inevitable.

There are some in the Cabinet, apparently, who regard rates as perfectly adequate. It is, though, surprising to discover that there are Ministers who support a system of financing that forces the Scottish Secretary, Mr GEORGE YOUNGER, to find considerable sums of fresh Government money to appease his own supporters. Moreover, rate-capping can only be *a short-term measure to hold down local government* spending. This year, only 17 authorities were rate-capped. Next year, the figure may well be much higher—the Association of London Authorities estimates between 39 to 43 councils; the year after that, if the local election results do not turn out well for the Government, the number of over-spenders could be even greater. The problems faced by now by the Government have been caused, not by too rash an approach, but by too much caution.

No one would pretend that any formula provides an easy solution to the problem of local taxation. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that some form of poll tax is usurping the title of least bad method of local taxation from the present holder, the rating system. Mr BAKER's proposals will probably be given some more attractive name, like a resident's tax, and may be distanced from the electoral register to appease the Home Office. If these actions make it more politically acceptable, they will do no harm. What must be avoided is using a poll tax as a supplement to rates. One only justifies setting up a new tax if it is to replace an old and discredited one.

EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS

IT IS SURELY NOT POSSIBLE to refute the premise that experiments on animals produce medical benefits for human beings. How great these benefits are may be a matter for debate, but unquestionably research on animals has produced results. The logical anti-vivisectionist can therefore only oppose such experiments on the grounds that it is wrong to injure God's creatures whatever the benefits might be for man. Even in a society which values animals so highly, this is not an argument *which most people* will be inclined to accept.

The duty of any Government must therefore be to regulate experiments so that they do not take place for frivolous reasons or involve needless pain. That was the general object of the Cruelty to Animals Act of 1876. Yet even though the number of experiments on animals has fallen from 5·6 million in 1971 to 3·6 million in 1983, there has been a feeling, to which the Government has responded, that changes are necessary. No one would pretend that the White Paper "Scientific Procedures on Living Animals" is a radical document, but its provisions for a stricter system of licensing, tighter limits on permissible experiments and more severe penalties for infringements all seem eminently sensible. There seems to be a general idea behind the proposed legislation that scientists *will have to try a little harder than in the past* in order to justify an experiment on a live animal.

The anti-vivisection lobby will of course not be appeased, and its most extreme elements will no doubt not be deflected from the most appalling acts, ruining a cause that might otherwise attract more sympathy. Not only the methods but *also some of the* beliefs of these people are immoral—for how else can one describe the notion that it is wrong to sacrifice an animal life in order to save a human one? On the other hand, there is no strong case for experiments on animals to test cosmetics, many household products and even tobacco. The Government's White Paper may make such experiments more difficult (if the inspectorate is adequate) but it does not proscribe them, or even specifically differentiate between them. If the *anti-vivisectionists wished to be constructive*, they could devote themselves to this particular area of reform.

How the Greek elections have opened a gate to a Trojan Horse

MOST people in the European Community and in Nato must be relieved to know that there is to be a general election in Greece in June, but it will be a muffled sense of relief. Greek-style democracy is hardly the kind of democracy most of us would ungrudgingly describe as western.

In socialist Greece the feeling is widespread that the country faces one of the deepest crises of its recent history. If the election is not accepted, both inside and outside the country, as a free and fair test of the people's will, the ensuing upheaval will yet again lead to civil war or a military takeover — with untold damage for the rest of Europe as well. What is at stake is not only whether Greece will remain a democracy of sorts but also whether Nato and the EEC can easily weather the shock of losing a partner.

Last month's presidential election was not a happy portent. The President is elected by secret ballot of members of Parliament. A *bright blue ballot was provided* for the one and only candidate — readily distinguishable from the blank paper signifying an abstention; members of the ruling party were made to sit in an order which *meant that their voting could be* monitored; and even the acting President was hastily summoned to vote (against the recommendation of experts in constitutional law whom the Government had *consulted) and his, as it turned* out, was the vote which tipped the balance.

Earlier episodes in Mr Andreas Papandreou's record in upholding Western values during his three-*and-a-half years in power speak for* themselves.

Ranging from brotherly embraces with the world's perhaps most notorious dictators, Jaruzelski and Gaddafi, to several other ill-conceived ventures promoting "peace," the controversial exploits of Mr Papandreou include the steady dissociation of Greece from criticism of the Soviet Union on such central issues as human rights, the military build-up, development of medium-range missiles, Poland, Afghanistan. The sorry tale continues with the Greek Government's opposition to de*ployment of new medium-range* missiles in western Europe coupled with constant pressure in favour of a nuclear-free zone in the Balkans — thus creating a serious security problem for other *members of the alliance.*

It is no less disturbing that the Greek Government decided unilaterally to cancel, from last year, the traditional Greek-American military manoeuvres in northern Greece at the very time that Mr Papandreou's party quietly signed

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou: a controversial figure.

its protocol agreement of "co-operation for peace" with Czechoslovakia's Soviet-run Communist party. Hence, too, Mr Papandreou's warm reception during his official visit to the Soviet Union earlier this year, followed by the systematic upgrading of Greece's relations with Bulgaria and Albania.

The benign interpretation is that the Greek premier is making a total nuisance of himself to secure a "special status" for

NICOS DEVLETOGLOU fears Greece is sliding towards a totalitarian form of government

Greece in the alliance, and more particularly within the European Community through his unrelenting demands for greater financial sacrifices by the Nine in favour of Greece (and eventually Spain and Portugal). It remains to be seen whether that is consistent with such past — or impending — events that are already putting to a gruesome test both the Com*munity's* political unity and its credibility in both defence and foreign policy.

Against this background the government has given top priority in the past few years to gaining party control of all decision-making and opinion-forming processes in the country, a policy that is coming home with a vengeance. The civil service, provisional governors, trade unions, farmers' associations and co-operations, the universities and secondary schools, the judiciary, the police, all State-run enterprises, large private organisations, "socialised" under the pretext of bad management, State radio and television — and, above all, the armed forces — are today almost fully integrated into the all-important party machine that practically governs the country.

It may be too early to tell whether this already amounts to suppression of democracy in Greece. What *most people certainly* regret, however, is that Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the Opposition leader, who is somewhat nonchalantly going to the country on a simple anti-Marxist ticket, seems not to heed the loud and clear warnings that the days of democracy in Greece are numbered unless the June election is conducted in a truly democratic manner.

In accordance with well-established constitutional convention and political practice in Greece, an interim government conducts the elections in circumstances where its impartiality cannot be otherwise guaranteed. The New Democracy party has, I believe, behaved feebly when it could have demanded this safeguard. Indeed, why has the main opposition party practically colluded with the Government *in violating both the independence* and the democratic mandate *per se* of the next parliament by introducing, for the first time in Greek history, the so-called "party list" system? According to such a system a person is not elected to parliament directly by the people; but, instead, in the order his or her name appears in the party's official ballot per electoral region — in turn a process autocratically determined by the party leader in the absence even of a semblance of party democracy.

Is this not a massive step in the direction of a totalitarian form of *government in Greece, where a* handful of politicians virtually determine the composition of parliament prior to the election itself — in a country, too, where not even the President of the Republic is elected directly by the people but by "parliament" instead?

It is for these reasons that I, for one, have declined to participate in this election.

We shall soon know whether or not a series of fatal mistakes has been made in the strategic thinking of those who — for better or worse — hold for the moment the key to restoring to Greece its dignity as a parliamentary democracy within the wider context of European stability.

Dr N. E. Devletoglou is former Professor of Political Economy at the University of Athens.

Now Dr Owen goes after the 'greens'

DAVID OWEN's chameleon-like ability to change his political colours is impressing old hands at Westminster following the Alliance's recent successes in the opinion polls and the county council elections.

In the past Dr Owen has talked loftily about the social market economy, international relations and technical efficiency but lately he has recognised that small is beautiful.

Adopting something of the door-step pre-occupations of his Liberal partners, Owen is now going for the "green vote" in the soft Tory heartlands of the south. Opposing industrial development of the countryside and Peter Palumbo's modernistic plans for the Mansion House area in the City may garner more votes.

Tory wets, unhappy at Mrs Thatcher's inability to soften her style in response to public concern over unemployment are struck by the Doctor's new populist image. No doubt David Steel, whose Liberal *party has long championed these* ideas, is impressed too.

Aga steps in

THE AGA KHAN has come to the aid of some of the greatest hotels in Europe, including the Gritti in Venice and its sister the Danielli.

The Aga, in partnership with a consortium of banks including Lloyds International and the Swiss Banking Corporation, has acquired a major interest in the Italian-based Ciga group which, apart from the two Venice establishments, owns the splendid Excelsiors in Naples and Rome.

The Ciga group was founded in 1906 by Guiseppe Volpi, a legendary figure at the turn of the century who later became known as "the last Doge of Venice." While the Aga's detailed plans for the hotels are not known, he is no stranger to the business, owning a hotel chain in Kenya, *and a number* of hotels in Pakistan.

It is certain, however, that backing in his name will restore reassuring stability to the great Ciga tradition.

Spain's accession to NATO has thrown up a new crop of curious military titles to add to those baffling acronyms for which the organisation is notorious. Among the latest appointments in the Spanish navy, according to Jane's Defence Weekly are "the General Intervention for the Navy," "the Chief of General Intendence" and "the Chief for Sanitary Assistance."

Wall game . . .

THE UNEARTHLY hour of 6.45 a.m. yesterday saw the start of the wall game at Eton between College and the Oppidans and although there has been a light-hearted Ascension Day game for many years, this time it took on a new significance.

Because of the change in the Oxford entrance system boys will no longer be staying at school for the

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seventh half after O-levels to take the university examination. Potential entrants will therefore not be at Eton in November and will miss the opportunity of playing in the more serious match on St Andrew's Day.

There was thus a certain importance in the air yesterday and it was *clear that everyone had put in a lot* of practice. Unlike the Oppidans, the boys in College (the scholars) play the game throughout their school career and, although smaller in number, are normally more skilled. But this year the sides were more level and the result was a draw.

. . . ball game

THERE IS more to the sporting connection, highlighted by the Sports Minister Neil Macfarlane, between Mr. Justice Popplewell and former England cricket captain Peter May, than I thought the other day.

I now learn that Popplewell and May were at Charterhouse together and, although Popplewell would not confess to any expertise at football, both he and May are members of the Old Carthusian Football Club. The O.C.F.C. of course, is the only club in existence which can boast of being past winners of both the F.A Cup and the F.A Amateur Cup.

One of May's team-mates in the 1951 Old Carthusian side, incidentally, was a certain J. M. L. Prior but, I am assured, he did not play centre forward.

. . . and rough game

SIR IAN Gilmour, one of the founder members of the Conservative Centre Forward group, has been sporting a wrist in plaster this week after a tough tennis match.

Labour's backbench of hooligans have not been slow to capitalise on his misfortune. "Tackled by a right half?" they have been jeering. Most unfair. Sir Ian's own political manifesto was entitled "Inside Right."

Creature comforts

ATHENAEUM STORIES are, it seems, legion. The latest concerns, once again, the club's holiday exchange arrangement with its old neighbour the United Service Club (the Senior).

When one Athenaeum member, apparently a bishop, commented on the number of strangers in the club, his companion explained that the Senior was closed for holidays and that its members were being given temporary refuge.

"Ah yes," murmured the bishop, "all those animal faces . . ."

Longest night

TONIGHT SEES the third, highly exclusive, annual get-together of veterans of the 1982 Falklands landings. It takes the form of an extremely long dinner attended only by the 90 or so commanding officers, unit commanders and ships' captains

who were actually at St Carlos Water at H-Hour on D-day, May 20, 1982.

The dinner is hosted by Maj.-Gen. Julian Thompson and Commodore Michael Clapp (the two principal architects of the detailed landing plan) and it will be held at the Royal Marine barracks at Stonehouse in Plymouth.

Although the occasion marks recent *history, a tradition has already been* forged. The first toast, to the Queen, is early in the evening; the second, to H-hour is at 2.30 a.m. (the scheduled time of the landings).

The third toast is at 5.15 a.m., because the landings were delayed by 45 minutes. No one leaves until after that one.

The organisers of the Brighton Festival had a minor scare on the eve of the opening ceremonies when it was discovered that the star of the show, Mr Punch, had a severe case of woodworm in his nose. Fortunately, the attack has been contained and Judy, the policeman and the crocodile are all well.

High flyer

SIR TOMMY Sopwith, whose name has been indelibly linked with aviation history was being toasted yesterday at the Mayfair Hotel at the launching of a £500,000 appeal by the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton.

Now 97 years old, Sir Tommy was not present although his signature appeared on 200 copies of a reproduction of a painting by Robert Taylor of Sopwith Camels to be sold in aid of the museum.

Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, president of the museum, told me that Yeovilton is particularly anxious to improve its permanent exhibition about the Royal Naval Air Service, the precursor of the Fleet Air Arm.

To the point

A SIGN in Hare Hills Labour Club, Leeds, says: "Players picked for the darts team will be pinned to the *notice board.*"

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A WAY TO COUNTER PYM

From Mr C.-N. BEATTIE, Q.C

SIR—A factor which contributes to the economic difficulties of the country, including unemployment, is the excessive burden of taxation borne by individuals and businesses, due to excessive spending by central and local government.

Many of the British people, after 40 years of the welfare state, firmly believe that it is the duty of the Government to provide money for their needs.

This belief has spread to a number of Conservative M.Ps, leading to the formation of Mr Pym's pressure group, which so far from wishing to reduce public expenditure *wants an increase.*

A government requires courage to cut down or eliminate benefits (including tax reliefs) which people have come to regard as their right. The Prime Minister is not noted for lacking courage, but in a democracy a government cannot push through measures against the will of Parliament.

It is time for Conservative M.Ps who wish to see reductions in public expenditure to stand up and say so in no uncertain terms, not by way of a pressure group disruptive of party, but individually according to their views.

If such views, together with the explanation that the general body of taxpayers should not be compelled to pay for certain benefits going to particular people, were given publicity, a change of atmosphere might come over the country.

Indeed that has already happened in the case of quite a number of people, who do not like supporting by State benefits those who are no less well off than themselves.

C. N. BEATTIE
London, W.C.2.

Record growth

From Viscount TRENCHARD

SIR—Your leader (May 14) commented justly on Mr Francis Pym's article published that day. You published an article of mine on May 13 and I do not seek to repeat the very different views which I hold to those which he has expressed. I would, however, like to comment on the facts which Mr Pym says "make sorry reading."

All his main facts are comparisons between 1979 and 1984. He knows that a combination of world depression and our long-standing uncompetitiveness produced a catastrophic fall between 1979 *and 1981 and that since 1981 gross* domestic product and manufacturing industry have grown at an accelerating pace. Manufacturing industry has grown over six per cent. since that inevitable fall.

He states that manufacturing industry is no more competitive than in 1979, but he must know that *output* per head in manufacturing has grown by a record six per cent. per annum for the last four years, which is more and not less than our main competitors. Our recent export performance, over 10 per cent. above the previous all-time peak, is proof of our competitiveness. My article mentioned other performances not seen for 25 years.

Whether Mr Pym likes it or not, his policies do amount to a return to past failed policies at a time when every bit of responsible support is needed to explain that the follies of the past decades need time to rectify and that current policies are working.

TRENCHARD
House of Lords.

Nervous 'pinks'

SIR—Far from serving as a nucleus for an alternative policy within the Conservative party, the new "Centre Forward" agitation, unless it is swiftly contained, may serve only as a herald of the demise of the party at the next election.

However demure its dress and its intentions, it is, in essence, a breakaway group from the mainstream of Conservative policy. It may be seen by the pessimistic as the first fissure in the party facade and an indicator of a decline in *its fortunes.*

However, the party has always harboured its nervous "pinks," more numerous since the comet-like leadership of Mrs Thatcher swept the querulous and self-doubting along in its tail to positions of privilege as elected M.Ps, but now, as that momentum appears, temporarily, to slow, the tail-end detritus is beginning to fall away.

The country voted for a Conservative government because of confidence in its ideals and objectives and because of its evident will to achieve particular ends however hard the path. Stouter hearts and sounder judgments may still prefer the undimmed light at the comet's head to the dull ash of disaffection which is beginning to fall around us.

The disloyalty of this tail may, oddly enough, result in a smaller, neater but more dynamically effective Conservative majority in Parliament after the next election. A shorter tail in fact. It all depends on how fashionable this kind of agitation is allowed to become.

ANDREW C. McWILLIAM
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Gentler music

SIR—Mr R. J. Lees wants to know what lies behind the great popularity of early music played on period instruments.

Quite simply, it is the growing number of people who have the humility to realise that music really does sound best on the instruments for which it was written, and that performances on high-pressure modern instruments can be, by comparison, only a travesty. We now have a large number of excellent early music players who are in a position to show us with some authority how the *music really needs to go*, having learnt this largely from the instruments themselves.

Many pressurised 20th-century souls have welcomed this return to a gentler style of music-making the B.B.C can offer me, for one, as much as it likes.

There is no argument with taste, but Mr Lees's assertion that Baroque music is largely pot-boiling rubbish is simply untrue. Obviously not every composer is of Bach-Handel calibre, but the general level is definitely high; the style itself does not encourage triteness. One can give a genuine welcome to the music of many of the composers being resurrected. Marc-Antoine Charpentier, for example, is an outstanding figure.

One really must counter the commonly held but absurd idea that the aristocracy *constantly chattered against a back*ground of Early Muzak provided by frustrated composers.

In the Baroque period, as now, there were surely social gatherings where the music was intended as accompaniment, and others where it was seriously to be listened to.

Mr Lees should also note that the term "early music" includes, not only Baroque music, but a great deal besides. Perhaps some of it will eventually captivate him.

ANN BOND
South Godstone, Surrey.

Invalid selection

SIR — I'm sorry to see scientists like Dr M. J. Laird, of King's College, London, continuing to advocate the use of "A" level grades for selection for Higher Education (May 15).

Of course "A" level grades measure a level of achievement. So does good athletic performance. The issue is do they *predict* degree success and job success?

The answer is that they do so so weakly as to be next to useless. The use of "A" levels as a selection device is therefore wrong as a simple matter of scientific principle.

It is not a question of opinion or of considering a particular subject suitable but of ascertainable facts. Selection methods must be designed to select validly and fairly people for individual courses.

To do otherwise is simply to run a lottery with people's careers.

PETER COPPING
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Middle-ageless

SIR—On my 35th birthday I received congratulations from my mother on reaching middle age—half the Biblical allotted span. Twenty-five years later I still consider myself middle-aged. When does it start, and when does it stop?

(Mrs) BRENDA KEMP
Northampton.

Combating smoking

SIR—I sympathise with Mr G. T. Gair (May 11). Many years ago I had similar problems when I worked in a non-air-conditioned "open-plan" office and was frequently visited by fellow engineers who wanted to discuss their projects with me.

Suffering all my life with chronic hay fever, and asthma for most of it, tobacco smoke caused me not a little distress and my remonstrations were heeded by most of those colleagues who did smoke. Some however did not seem to appreciate my problem and, in desperation or inspiration, I brought an aerosol air-freshener to spray around after they had left my desk.

However, it still did not seem to register with one particularly heavy smoker (a 60-a-day man) who used to come and sit by me, light up, inhale deeply and surround me with fresh and "second hand" tobacco smoke.

The last time he did this (quite unthinkingly I am sure) I got out my aerosol and sprayed the space between us, not at him but at *right angles*, to us both. Briefly, he complained that I had ruined his cigarette!

The word got round and some two years later I took the still almost full aerosol home to use it up, having no further use for it in the office.

I am pleased to say, we both remained on good terms.

HUGH OWEN
Solihull, West Midlands.

Blue for danger

SIR—It is usually possible to choose a non-smoking area for travel, pleasure, and so on, but in many work places this is not so. Meetings are held to discuss health and safety at work and the air becomes blue within an hour.

In my own case the victimisation became so great that I was forced to take early retirement, purely because my colleagues were allowed to smoke as and when they wished, to the detriment of their own health and that of their innocent neighbours.

Your writer is quite correct in his comments. It is high time that smoking was recognised for the filthy habit which it is. Hard line junkies only harm themselves, but smokers commit suicide and murder at the same time.

J. STEVENSON
Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Ribbentrop's pact

SIR—In the thousands of words recently spoken and written on the origin and history of World War II, one important name seems to have been totally overlooked, that of Count von Ribbentrop.

Could you please tell those of your readers who are possibly *too young to* remember (such as Mr Gorbachov), or so old that they have forgotten (like quite a few in Britain) that Ribbentrop was Hitler's Foreign Minister who in August, 1939, went to Moscow to sign with the Soviet Government a friendship treaty by which the two powers divided between themselves the then independent State of Poland.

This provided the Germans not only with a vast new chunk of territory but with the protection they needed in the East for their planned attack in the West, and broke the spirit of many thousands if not millions in the occupied territories, such as Czechoslovakia.

H. NOREL
London, S.W.14.

'Herding' of football supporters

SIR—Much has been written recently about the conduct of visiting football supporters. I would like to speak in defence of the fans and point out some of the treatment they are subjected to.

For example, as an Arsenal supporter I travelled to Everton on March 23. After the game we were kept at the ground for about 20 minutes and then herded on to buses which did not move for another 15 minutes. These buses were then driven on to the rail way platform.

We were then not allowed to leave these buses that we had paid to get on, until a special London train arrived, even though many people such as *myself did not wish to travel to* London.

Last Saturday, I went to West Brom-

which. On arriving at Smethwick Rolfe Street station, we were stopped for 20 minutes while the police waited for the next train to arrive, although during this time they could have escorted us to the ground and returned in time to meet the next group of supporters.

When we tried to start singing, the police immediately told us to "shut up." Surely there is no law against singing.

When we finally reached the ground we were shunted into a caged area from which it was impossible to get out. Bearing in mind the recent Bradford tragedy, this cannot be safe.

Please give football supporters a break.

GRAHAM WEAVER
Coventry.

'No one read' fire warning sent to Bradford City

By JAMES ALLAN

BRADFORD CITY did receive a warning from West Yorkshire County Council about the fire risk of its 77-year-old timber stand, the club admitted yesterday.

But apparently the letter was filed without being read. "It was a simple mistake," said Mr Stafford Heginbotham, the club's chairman.

Earlier this week he denied that the club had received the fire warning from the county council.

In a reference to the fire he told a daily newspaper: "It was an accident that could have happened anywhere in the country."

Following a request by the club to the county council, an engineer inspected the grandstand on July 4 last year and in a letter dated July 11 the roof of the stand was reported to be "an unacceptable crowd safety hazard."

A second letter from the council's engineering department dated July 18 went into great detail about defects in the ground and said the timber construction of the stand was "a fire hazard."

It added: "In particular there is a build-up of combustible materials in voids beneath the seats. A carelessly discarded cigarette could give rise to a fire risk."

Seeking grant

A spectator at Saturday's game has told the police that a cigarette discarded by one of three men sitting near him set light to material under the floor beneath them.

According to Mr Heginbotham Mr Terence Newman, the club secretary, sent the letter of July 11 together with a report from the police who also regarded the roof as dangerous, to the Football Grounds Improvement Trust seeking a grant towards the cost of renewing the roof.

A copy of the letter of July 11 was then stapled to the one of July 18 and filed.

In a separate statement issued by the club yesterday it said that although both letters from the county council were dated one week apart, they had been posted to the club in the same envelope.

"It will be appreciated that, as revealed by the contents of the letter dated July 11, the principal concern at that time was the possibility of further deterioration to the roof causing decay of roof boarding which might be vulnerable to high winds."

The club's statement said that the second letter, which contained the fire risk warning had dealt with the ground improvement which would be necessary if the club was promoted to the Second Division as it would then come within the scope of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975.

'No visits'

It added: "Copies of the letter from the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council were sent to the Chief Fire Officer and the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council.

"There were no visits or communications from any of the authorities following the letter ofw July 18, 1984, until April 30, 1985, when the county council wrote congratulating the club on its promotion to the Second Division.

Arrangements were then made for officials from the club and the council to meet on Wednesday of this week to discuss the improvement the club was required to make but following Saturday's tragedy the meeting was cancelled.

The statement concluded: "Without grants and other financial assistance the club would not have been able to carry out the extensive improvement works which were required on promotion to the Second Division. No further statements will now be issued by the club pending the inquiry."

WEMBLEY GETS ALL CLEAR

By DAVID GRAVES

TEN safety experts from the Greater London Council declared Wembley completely safe yesterday for tomorrow's F.A. Cup Final.

Electrical, construction and fire specialists spent two hours inspecting the stadium before 100,000 people pack it for the final between Everton and Manchester United.

Mr David Chambers, head of the G.L.C's Entertainment Licensing Office, said the routine inspection had probably been more thorough than usual.

He said: "In view of the Bradford tragedy we decided to make ultra sure that the stadium was safe. We have carried out a very thorough inspection and have given it a clean bill of health.

Checking everything

"We looked at virtually everything from the boiler room right up to the top of the gantries, checking everything to make sure there was no combustible material.

"We are satisfied that the public can come here on Saturday and enjoy the football without any worries about fire safety."

The inspection was carried out under the 1975 Safety at Sports Ground Act, which the G.L.C. has responsibility for in London.

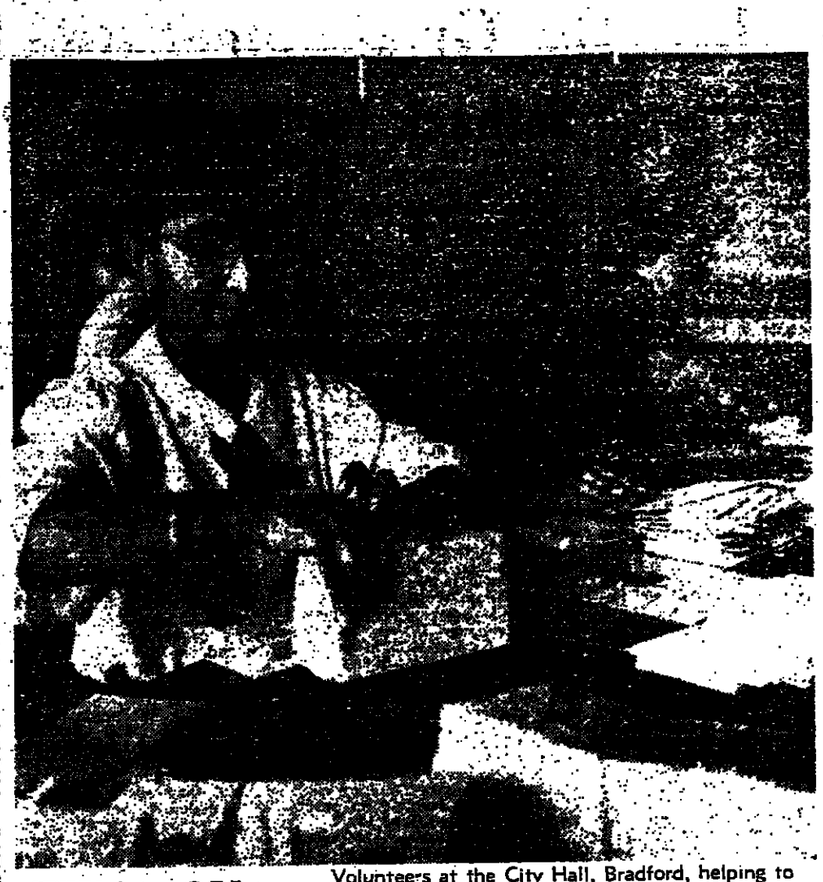
Eight minutes

Mr Chambers said the 62-year-old stadium could be evacuated in eight minutes should the need arise, without using the pitch.

Mr Justice Popplewell, who will carry out an injury into the safety of sports grounds following the Bradford fire and death of a soccer fan at Birmingham City, spent yesterday at the Home Office.

He discussed the exact format of the inquiry and the names of two assessors who are expected to be appointed shortly to assist him.

The judge said he expected to hold formal open sessions in Bradford where both written and oral evidence could be given, but he did not envisage starting until after the Whitsun holiday.



Volunteers at the City Hall, Bradford, helping to distribute 80,000 letters to firms throughout Britain seeking donations to the disaster fund.

EVERTON FANS BEHAVE

By DAVID MILLWARD in Rotterdam

A S. Rotterdam congratuday night's peaceful Europday night's peaceful European Cup Winners Cup final between Everton and Rapid Vienna, football administrators have been left to digest the lessons to be learned from it.

The city had nervously awaited the arrival of 20,000 British fans, who, with 14,000 Austrians, behaved almost impeccably. There were only 24 arrests for minor offences during the 24 hours surrounding the match in the city.

This contrasted with visits by Tottenham Hotspur in 1974 and 1983 which left trails of destruction and violence in the city.

Yesterday morning Rotterdam awoke to find, much to its disbelief given pre-match fears, little sign of the invading "Scouse" army apart from the occasional empty beer can and the odd supporter sleeping on a wooden bench.

The police had launched a massive and unorthodox operation, cancelling all leave and "painting the city blue" with 1,200 officers working shifts of 10 to 20 hours.

Police Commissioner Jaap Karel had asked for the city centre public houses to be kept open until 6 a.m. on Wednesday four hours longer than usual. "One thousand to 1,600 fans were expected to arrive in the city that night, and if the pubs were closed they would have

'Already drunk'

been frustrated," he said.

They had distributed themselves in groups of 20 to 50 fans to a bar. "They were already drunk and a little bit more wouldn't change much, but you can control groups of 30 people with three policemen."

Mr Karel also took a calculated risk in telling his officers to remain in small groups and to mingle with the fans, gaining their confidence.

It worked. Policewomen were kissed by Evertonians, other officers posed for photographs wearing Everton hats and scarves, and there was even a market football match, won by the police 5-3, in one of the city centre car parks.

Father, sons and grandson die

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

FOUR members of a family died together in the Bradford soccer inferno and a fifth, a boy of 12, escaped only because he broke way from them and scrambled to safety, it was disclosed yesterday when Mr James Turnbull, coroner, issued a list of the 52 victims.

The inquest on them all will begin today in Bradford. But last night it was not clear whether Mr Turnbull would hear any more than formal evidence of identification from police sources.

Three generations of the Fletcher family, natives of Pudsey, near Leeds, were among the dead. They were Mr Edmond Fletcher, 62, of Kent Road, Pudsey, his sons John, 34, and Peter 32, and grandson Andrew, 11.

John Fletcher, who worked in the steel industry, moved from Pudsey to Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, Notts, in September to start a new job taking his wife Susan, Andrew, and their other son Martin, 12. They returned to Bradford for a family reunion at the weekend and the men decided to go to the match.

Mrs Susan Fletcher said yesterday: "Martin is the only one who got out, but he is still shocked and far too upset to talk about it."

Another victim was Mr Peter Halliday, 34, a Bradford council computer operator, of Heddon Walk, Little Horton, Bradford.

His mother, Mrs Jean Harrison, 55, said: "He was thrilled to be going to the match because he told he was able to buy one of the last two tickets for the stand."

The widow of another victim, Mr David Crabtree, 30, an electrician, has moved out of their home which overlooks the soccer ground because she cannot bear to look at the scene from her window.

Mrs Lynn Crabtree, 27, saw the flames but did not suspect the fire was a serious one. Her husband never missed a Bradford match.

The dead also included Mr Gordon McPherson, 39, and his wife, Irene, 28, of Rushton Road, Thornbury, Bradford, a disabled couple who married last August.

The other victims included Mr Fred Hindle, 76, and his wife Edith, 79, of Moore Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford, who were such keen supporters of the club that they had asked for their ashes to be scattered on the Valley Parade ground when they died.

A girlfriend of one of Bradford's players was also named among the dead, Jane Sampson, 18, a barmaid lived at Moseley Wood Close, Clockridge, and was a friend of Don Goodman.

Police said yesterday that 75 casualties were still being treated in five hospitals. Six of them are seriously ill.

The names of the 52 dead are: John Douglas Ackroyd, 32, of Baildon. Edmund Anderton, 68, of Bingley. Alexander Shaw Baines, 70, of Bradford. Christopher James Bulmer, 11, of Burley in Wharfedale. Jack Leo Coxon, 76, of Bradford. Leo Anthony Coxon, 44, of Halifax. David James Crabtree, 30. Harry Crabtree, 76, both of Bradford. Derek Dempsey, 46, of Morley. Samuel Firth, 86, of Bradford. Andrew Fletcher, 11 of East Bridgnorth, Notts. Edmond Fletcher, 62, of Pudsey. John Fletcher, 34 of East Bridgnorth, Notts. Peter Fletcher, 32, of Gildersome.

Nellie Foster, 64, of Bradford. Felix Winspear Greenwood, 15, Peter Greenwood, 46, Rupert Benedict Greenwood, 11, of Denholme. Norman Hall, 71, Peter Anthony Halliday, 34, Arthur Hartley, 78, Edith Hindle, 78, Frederick Hindle, 76, all of Bradford. Moira Helen Hodgson, 15, of Oakenshaw. John Hughes, 64, John Hutton, 74, Walter Kerr, 76, Peter Charles Lovell, 45, Jack Ludlam, 65, all of Bradford.

Gordon Stuart McPherson, 39, Irene McPherson, 28, both of Bradford. Roy Maggs, 74, of Silsden. Frederick Norman Middleton, 84, Harold Mitchell, 69, both of Bradford. Elizabeth Mubi, 21, of Leeds. Ernest Normington, 74, of Shipley. Gerald Priestley Ormondroyd, 40, Richard John Ormondroyd, 12, Robert Ian Ormondroyd, 12, all of Bingley. Sylvia Lund Pollard, 69, of Bradford. Herbert Price, 78, of Shipley. Amanda Jane Roberts, 20, of Bradford. Jane Sampson, 18, of Leeds.

Craig Albert Stockman, 14, Jane Ashley Stockman, 16, both of Bradford. Trevor John Stockman, 38, of Brighouse. Howard Malcolm Turner, 41, Sarah Elizabeth Turner, 16, both of Bingley. Simon Neil Ward, 18, of Shipley. Robert Wedgeworth, 72, of Guisley. William James West, 78, of North Wykeham, Lincoln. Adrian Mark Wright, 11, of Bradford.

CHARGE OVER WEAPONS TIMER

By Our Washington Staff

A grand jury has indicted a Californian man for illegally shipping to Israel 800 electronic timin devices that could be used in manufacturing nuclear weapons, the United States Department of Justice announced yesterday.

It charged Mr Richard Smith, 55, with violating export laws by shipping the switches, called krytrons to Israel without a licence.

DAY OF HATE

The pro-Hanoi Cambodian government will stage a National Day of Hatred on Monday against atrocities committed between April, 1975, and January, 1979, by the former Khmer Rouge government, the official S P K news agency said yesterday.—Reuter.

£1,875,969 paid for Van Gogh painting

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

A PAINTING by Van Gogh fetched £1,875,969 in an auction of Impressionist works at Christie's in New York on Wednesday.

"Allee des Alyscamps," painted towards the end of 1888, portrays an avenue at Arles lined with poplar trees and stone tombs. The same work was unsold at £430,000 when it appeared at auction at Christie's in London in 1979.

A study of two negresses deep in conversation and dating from Gauguin's trip to Martinique in 1887, fetched £1,449,612.

A still-life flower piece by Picasso and dating from 1901 fetched £937,984, while another flower vase study, painted by Renoir in 1871, made £852,715. Another Renoir, an 1879 portrait of Alphonsine Fournaise, fetched £383,721.

Impressionist and modern drawings and watercolours also fetched high prices at a Sotheby's auction in New York. A brush and ink drawing by Henri Matisse went for a record £124,514.

A gouache and watercolour of a woman lving on a bed, painted by Marc Chagall in 1930, went for £94,164.

In an Impressionist and modern paintings sale, also at Sotheby's in New York, a nude study of 1927 by Tamara De Lempicka, fetched £171,206.

£228,049 silver service

In a Christie's silver sale in Geneva, a Queen Anne toilet service consisting of 15 engraved pieces by Anthony Nelme and made in London in 1711, went for £228,049.

JAPAN'S MOON PLAN

By Our Science Correspondent

Japan intends to be the third nation to send a spacecraft to the moon. A Japanese satellite will be launched to orbit the moon in 1989, according to plans of the Japanese Institute of Space and Astronomical Sciences.

Orchid meadow destroyed in row over development

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

MR JENKIN, Environment Secretary, yesterday called for an investigation into the spraying with weedkiller of a medieval Essex meadow to make way for development.

The meadow contained rare orchids and 59 other plant species.

The two-acre site at the meadow, in West Mersea, near Colchester, was the subject of an emergency claim for protectings from the Nature Conservancy Council.

But as its case went to the Minister the site, which had been occupied by conservationists led by the Friends of the Earth, was sprayed under the cover of darkness by the owners.

The meadow, with 15,000 green-winged orchids in full bloom, was destroyed by the weedkiller to make way for seven houses. Once their habitat is disturbed the plants will never recover.

The Department of the Environment said that the conservancy council's request for protection had not been received until yesterday. A spokesman said: "We are seeking the full details."

'Casually destroyed'

A spokesman for Essex Naturalists Trust said: "This field was probably the best of its kind anywhere in Britain. The fact that it can be casually destroyed like this shows the weakness of present legislation designed to protect the environment."

The owner of the land, Mr Phillip Underwood, said in a statement issued by his solicitor that the land had been owned by his family, and open to the public since 1946.

The conservancy council wanted the whole site, not just a large plot, but could not pay more than agricultural value, said Mr Underwood. He then asked the borough council if it would buy the site.

Mr Underwood said that he agreed not to damage the land while negotiations were in progress, so long as the conservancy council did not ask for a stop order from the Environment Department.

But when informed that the conservancy council had requested the order and that the Friends of the Earth had moved in to guard the site, Mr Underwood ordered the land to be treated with weedkiller.

VODKA ON THE ROCKS

THE Soviet Union yesterday announced strong measures to combat the country's high rate of alcoholism, including a reduction in vodka production.

The long-awaited package, which many Russians had expected to include rationing, comprises a cutback on spirit production, a ban on certain drinks and stiff penalties for home brewing, drinking on the streets and other measures.

The Kremlin declared war on alcoholism, the Soviety Union's biggest social ill, soon after Mr Gorbachev took over the Communist party leadership in March.

As well as imposing restrictions and fines for alcohol abuse, the package envisages the "more effective" use of sports clubs, youth clubs and palaces of culture.

This apparently reflects official recognition that boredom is a big factor in the high level of alcohol abuse among Soviet youth.

Drinking epidemic

The measures include a 100-rouble (£93) fine or loss of licence for up to three years for a first drink-driving offence, labour-camp terms for getting a minor drunk, and a ban on sales of drink to anyone under 21. The current limit is 18.

The measures follow publication of official statistics suggesting the Sovier Union is in the grip of an epidemic of heavy drinking.

Alcohol is the single biggest cause of premature death. It is also the main cause of marital break-up and is responsible for more than 80 per cent. of violent crime, according to the statistics.

The average Russian drinks eight litres of pure alcohol a year, a high proportion in the form of vodka or cognac, the statistics show.—Reuter.

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Information for Shareholders

If you are one of almost 1,750,000 people who have shares in British Telecom you are probably aware that the second instalment of 40p a share is due to be paid by 24th June 1985.

At the end of May the Government will send you a reminder about the instalment which tells you exactly how much you have to pay and how to do so.

If you think you will be away from home in June you can arrange to pay the second instalment now. To do so, you should write to Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 6DA; they will tell you what to do.

The Stock Exchange price of BT's shares will be adjusted on 28th May to take into account the extra 40p you will be paying.*

If you are one of the individuals who bought shares in the flotation you became a founder shareholder. At that time you were able to apply for special benefits by way of either bill vouchers OR the share bonus.

By paying the second instalment and remaining a shareholder until 25th June 1985 you will remain eligible for EITHER:–

● Bill vouchers.

You will receive the following number of vouchers depending on how many shares you have held since the flotation –

200 shares – one voucher in July 1985 worth £18.

400 shares – two vouchers in July 1985 worth £36

800 shares – two vouchers in July 1985 worth £36 and (if you still hold these shares on 23rd December 1985) two more vouchers early next year also worth £36... OR:–

● Share bonus.

To keep your entitlement to one free share for every ten shares bought at the time of flotation you must retain at least that number of shares until 30th November 1987, and pay the second and third instalments.

All shareholders are eligible for:–

● Dividends.

The first dividend is expected to be 3.9p per share (net of tax) and will be payable in August 1985. So if you hold:–

200 shares you will receive £7.80.
400 shares you will receive £15.60.
800 shares you will receive £31.20.

An interim dividend for 1985-86 is also expected to be paid in February next year.

From the end of May you will only be able to deal in BT's shares on the basis that the instalment has been paid.

NOTE: The bill vouchers and share bonus only apply if you bought shares in the initial offer of November 1984.

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INDUSTRIALS

STOCK markets made a fairly bright start yesterday, albeit in quiet trading, and dealers were watching the index indicator boards for expected highs. The first calculation of the "30" index was 2·2 higher at 1024·5, equal to its previous peak, but dealers' enthusiasm was soon dampened by a deterioration in the electrical sector following poor results from Micro Focus, whose shares plunged 440p to 300p.

Short-term operators moved in to take profits in recently strong industrials and the overall market tone became dull. Conditions were not helped by confirmation of the sharp rise in the money supply figures, which although not unexpected, proved a depressing influence.

Some dealers were saying that investment clients were also being unsettled about the new problems in the United States financial sector, hence a situation where prospective buyers adopted a cautious attitude.

The overall tone at the close of the market was quite dull and the main indices reflected the losses in blue chips. The "30" index finished 9·8 down at 1012·5, while the "100." index after an early unofficial peak of 1344·2, ended 6·3 lower at 1336·1.

Government securities were further unsettled by the decline in sterling and, while there was no real selling pressure, the almost complete absence of investment interest made for generally easier conditions throughout the lists. The final tone was not helped by news that pit deputies had decided on an overtime ban in the coalfields.

Leading bank shares turned easier on small routine offerings, with falls of 4p to 6p showing in **National Westminster**, at 679p, **Midland**, at 357p, **Lloyds**, at 592p, and **Barclays**, at 384p. **Bank of Ireland** advanced 10 to 275p after the results, but poor figures left **Clive Discount** 10 down at 51p.

British Aerospace new touched 248p before closing 2 easier at 245p, while the old shares were finally 5 off at 418p. **B A T Industries** rose 8 to 320p after the annual meeting, while **Imperial Chemical Industries** managed a rise of 2p at 759p.

Elsewhere in the blue chip range,

Setback for equities

ACCOUNT: May 13-May 31.
PAY DAY: June 10.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 26,740.
RISES: 380. FALLS: 345.
UNCHANGED: 1,007.
EQUITY TURNOVER (May 15):
Number of bargains 25,769:
value £456·22 million.
Shares traded: 229·8 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES. May 16, 1985

	Index	Change	1985 High	1985 Low
Indust. Ord	1012·5	− 9·8	1024·5	968·7
Govt. Secs.	83·37	− 0·20	82·3	78·02
Gold Mines	435·8	− 8·1	536·9	439·5
Fixed Int.	85·32	− 0·18	86·19	82·17
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·58	− 0·11	5·29	4·23
Earn Yld p.c.	11·50	− 0·28	12·39	9·60
FT-SE100:	1336·1	− 6·3	1342·4	1206·1

Lucas Industries kept firm at 291p (up 7p), but following Wednesday's advance on the interim report, **Grand Metropolitan** reacted 13 to 305p. **Trusthouse Forte** were also on offer, 7 down at 141p, while **B T R**, initially firmer at 385p ex the 100 p.c. scrip issue, were finally 5 down at 375p.

Fisons were again in the limelight on talk that the company will soon announce a major new drug development and the shares ended another 12 higher at 325p. Pending new moves in the takeover situation, **Westland** rose 4 to 151p, while asset injection hopes directed renewed interest to **Wire & Plastic**, 5 up at 100p, after 105p, and **Times Veneer**, 3 firmer at 46p.

Dealers were looking at **Readicut** and **Cosalt** following share stake changes, the former closing at 35p and the latter at 68p. **Domino Printing Sciences**, a recent issue at 200p, moved up to a high of 300p, a rise of 15p, while **Pentland Industries** also hit a peak of 960p before reacting on profit-taking to 935p, a fall of 15p.

Favourable comment prompted strength in **Photax**, 10 up at 53p, while buyers were also nibbling in **Fobel International**, 6 better at 33p, and **Avon Rubber**, 5 firmer at 305p, the latter ahead of next Wednesday's interim report.

D R G were 3 better at 166p after the annual meeting, while satisfactory figures prompted small gains in **Dubilier**, at 172p, **J. Foster**, at 76p, after 82p, and **Robert Moss**, at 97p. On the other hand, **C A S E** were sold after the results and ended 18 down at 272p.

The market was pleased the tone of the statement at **Alida Holdings'** annual meeting and the shares advanced 15 to 235p. Other firm spots included **A. Monk**, at 119p, **Crest Nicholson**, at 105p, and **Insight Group**, at 140p. **Energy Services** continued to recover from the shock defeat of the Peck Holdings takeover bid and ended 3 firmer at 97p.

Plessey came under renewed pressure in the electrical section and dropped to equal their previous low of 162p, but buyers appeared after the official close and the price rallied to 166p, a loss of 4p.

Interest stirred by the new acquisition left **Emess Lighting** 20 to the good at 245p, while there was a speculative flurry in **Arlen Electric**, 10 up at 65p. Vague takeover suggestions accompanied demand for **Weir Group**, 6 up at 60p, **Bridon**, also 6 better at 143p, after 145p, and **Habit Precision**, 4½ firmer at 70p.

Following Wednesday's bright response to the better-than-expected figures from **Commercial Union**, the composite insurance sector was subjected to profit-taking. Commercial Union themselves ended 7 lower at 224p, after 221p, while **General Accident** reacted 18 to 600p, **Guardian Royal Exchange** 18 to 700p, and **Royals** 11 to 635p. On the insurance brokers pitch, **C. E. Heath** advanced 15 to 598p on satisfaction with the results, while **Willis Faber** gained 16 to 695p in sympathy.

Food shares to meet buying interest included **Dee Corporation**, 14 higher at 244p, **Kwik Save**, 8 better at 206p, and **United Biscuits**, 5 firmer at 193p, the last-named still the subject of bid suggestions. **Rowntree** improved afresh to 445p before reacting on profit-taking to 433p, a loss of 7p.

P&O Dfd met solid support and ended 8 better at 356p, after 358p, while other shipping and allied issues to gain ground included **Milford Docks**, 5 up at 83p, **I O M Steam Packet**, also 5 higher at 88p, and **European Ferries**, 4½p firmer at 148½p, after 150½p.

Bid speculators were persistent in **Debenhams**, but the shares were finally unchanged at 306p, after 310p. Other firm spots in a generally mixed stores sector were **Milletts Leisure**, 11 up at 165p ahead of next Thursday's results, **Peters Stores**, 8 better at 78p, and **Home Charm**, 10 to the good at 354p.

The market expressed some disappointment with the quarterly report from **British Petroleum** and the shares ended 12 down at 553p. On the other hand, "**Shell**" **Transport** were in good form on sudden American buying and jumped to 725p before closing 10 up at 718p. **Tricentrol** lost 7 to 233p and **Ultramar** 8 to 235p, the latter following Wednesday's rise on the satisfactory quarterly.

Gold shares were dull in sympathy with bullion, which closed $2·75 down at $320·50. **Vaal Reefs** fell £3½ to £75¼, **Kloof** £¾ to £32¾, and **President Brand** £½ to £21½.

Tailpiece

THINGS are looking up at **Forward Technology**, the manufacturer of electronics and specialised machinery. Commenting on the poor performance in early March when the market was showing its concern with a weak share price of 25p, we suggested that the pessimism was overdone. The subsequent results were reassuring—profits were up from £805,000 to £965,000—and although there was no return to the dividend list, the shares have rallied to 37p.

Early this week, the company *announced the sale of two subsidiaries*, reducing the debt burden by £2 million, while last night there was news of the sale of another subsidiary, Colortron Holdings, reducing the group's indebtedness by a further £3·7 million.

The effect of the transactions, says chief executive, Kenneth Cobley, "is significant for shareholders of Forward Technology." Holders can expect full details at today's annual meeting.

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
400	317	Telemetrix ...	355	− 8
325	193	Tele Rentals..	216*	− 6
495	395	Thorn EMI....	444	+ 1
365	280	z TunstallTele	280	..
407	315	Unitech	350	..
348	305	United Leasing	340	+ 5
268	165	Utd.Scientific	185	− 2
325	250	VG Instrumts	292	+ 2
62	34	VitrationN.V.	42	..
175	125	Volex.........	165	− 3
172	132	z Webber Elec	145	..
57	40	WesternSelec.	66	− 1
325	245	WholesaleFitt	285	..
127	100	Wigfall, H....	107	+ 2
188	145	Worldplex.....	160	..
20	8	z Xyllyx	11	..

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
9	5½	Boulton, Wm.	7½	..
296	215	Bowater Inds.	280	− 2
134	114	BraithwteÉCo	130	..
386	280	Brammer	374	..
61	42	Brasway.......	58	+ 2
57	41½	Brengreen Hld	47	..
69	62	Brickhse Dud	62	− 1
144	112	Bridon.........	143	+ 6
190	99½	Bridprt Gndry	140	..
259	224	z Brit.Bloodst	247	..
338	288	B.E.T.	288	+ 1
134	113	Brit. Stm.Spc.	134	..
180	94	Brit. Syphon..	158*	..
103	76	Brit. Tar......	101	− 1
200	162	Brit. Vita.....	176	..
381	273	Brokn HillPty	364	+ 2
28¼	24	Brunsgrovein	24	..

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
76	50	Lawtex........	68	..
37	24½	Lee Arthur....	35½	..
65	55	LeisureTimeInd	59	..
275	184	Lep Group	263	− 1
42	28	Linread	41	+ 1
63½	52	Lloyd, F. H....	63	− ½
29	21½	Locker Thos..	29	..
27	21	Locker, T. 'A'	27	..
205	175	Lon. Mid. Ind.	179	− 2
83	74	Lon. & North.	78	..
370	345	Lon.Park Htls	370	..
106	87	Longton Inds.	105	..
195	158	Lonrho........	175	− 2
283	157	Low & Bonar.	280	..
19	10	MJT	18½	..
357	297	M.L. Holds...	305	..

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
95	82	UnitedParcels	83	− 2
273	182	Valor.........	201	− 2
340	215	Vickers	320	− 8
120	82	Victor Prods..	85	..
205	175	Vinten Group.	205	..
275	180	Vosper	264	..
148	110	Wades Potts..	146	..
139	111	Wadkin	127*	..
156	127	Wagon Indust	136	..
51½	34½	Waterfd Glass	47	− ½
107	80	Watson Kelvn	90	..
235	190	Wedgwood	186	− 1
19	9	Weeks Assoc..	14	..
68	40	Weir Group...	60	+ 6
15	12½	Wellman	15	+ ½
19	12½	z Welpac......	19	..
81	71	West'sGroup.	73	..

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

MOTORS & AIRCRAFT

OIL SHARES

MINING

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
138	12½	Afex Corpn...	120	..
25½	17½	Amal.Fin.Inv.	17½	..
121	£15¼	Ang. Am. Coal	£17¼	+ ¼
£11¼	930	An.Am.Cp.SA	£11⅛	..
£77½	699	Ang.Amer.Gld	£70½	− 2½
1461¼	157	Ang.Amer.Inv	£42	− 1
134	128	Anglo Vaal 'A'	135	− 1
93	28½	Aust.Cons.Min	85	− 5
295	250	Ayer Hitam...	280	+ 5
385	236	Beatrix	340	− 10
150	115	Berjuntai Tin.	115	..
17	12	Bisichi Tin....	16½	..
782	573	Blyvoor	563	− 10
18	12	Botswana	12	− 5
144	106	Bournvillel. R	127	..

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Money supply above target

THE most closely watched target money measure, sterling M3, grew by 2·9 p.c. in the April *banking month*, the Bank of England confirmed yesterday. Bank lending rose by £2·6bn of which £1bn may have been due *to a rush by companies* to take advantage of more generous capital investment allowances before the end of the financial year.

The April increase takes the annualised growth of sterling M3 to 11·9 pc., well above the 6 to 10 p.c. target range of 1984-85. The narrow measure, Mo, ended the target period well within range with annualised growth of 5·7 p.c.

BAT confident

BAT INDUSTRIES' chairman Patrick Sheehy told yesterday's annual meeting that group pre-tax profits were expected to rise further in 1985 and that the board expects to recommend a dividend increase which will be substantially in excess of the rate of inflation.

Questor—P21.

CASE tops £10m

COMPUTER and Systems Engineering, soon to be renamed CASE Group provided shareholders agree, is lifting its dividend for the year to March 31, 1985, from 0·99p to 1·35p a share with a 0·9p final payable July 3.

On a comparable basis, pre-tax profits have increased from £7·25m to £10·5m and chief executive *Peter Burton* says strong growth will continue throughout the group.

Questor—P21.

Micro Focus upset

MICRO Focus Group profits for the 80 weeks to January 31 have dived from £2·8m to £700,000 on a contracted revenue increase of 125 p.c. to £21m.

Of that contracted revenue though £6m (against £743,000) has been deferred and profits have been struck after exceptional items of £1·35m against £186,000. There is no dividend.

Questor—P21.

Austrian stake

GIROZENTRALE Vienna, which is owned by Austria's 127 savings banks, is buying a 29·9 p.c. stake in specialist stockbroker Gilbert Elliott & Co. When the stock exchange rules permit the stake is to be increased to 75 p.c. and then complete ownership as part of the Austrian bank's policy to expand in international capital markets.

Australian peak

AUSTRALIAN share markets yesterday put on a renewed show of strength with the All Ordinaries index advancing 7·4 points to a peak of 902·7. Dealers said *that overseas investors* had tentatively welcomed the federal government's mini-budget, while local and overseas buyers competed for scrip in a tightly held market.

Thomson optimism

ALTHOUGH 1984 had been a difficult year for the British travel industry a satisfactory level of profits is expected in the current year for the holiday companies owned by International Thomson Organisation, chairman Lord Thomson told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting. The regional newspaper group has made a strong recovery he added.

Shotton launch

SHOTTON Paper announces the start-up of its new fully integ*rated 200,000 tonne* a year, £135m thermomechanical pulp and newsprint mill at Shotton, Deeside, Clwyd.

The *mill will move progressively* towards continuous production during May. United Kingdom Press trials will begin in June followed by regular deliveries in July.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANF CBS Gen)	Closed	—
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	Closed	—
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	Closed	—
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,635·88	+ 23·27
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,278·05	+ 4·53
PARIS (CAC General)	Closed	—
SINGAPORE (Straits Times)	823·62	+ 9·30
SYDNEY (All Ords.)	902·70	+ 7·40
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,369·30	+ 11·27
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	Closed	—

U.S. RATES

Federal funds 8¼ p.c. (8⅜ p.c.)
Treas. 3-month bills 7.38-7.33 (7·43-7·38)
Long bonds ... $102·20 ($101·16)
Yield ..... 11 p.c. (11·98 p.c.)

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): May 320·60 down 2·40, June 321·50 down 2·40, July 323·40 down 2·40, Aug. 325·40 down 2·40, Oct. 329·60 down 2·40, Dec. 333·20 down 2·40, Feb. 338·20 down 2·40, April 342·60 down 2·40, June 346·60 down 2·40, Aug. 350·60 down 2·40, Oct. 35970 down 2·40, Dec. 365·30 down 2·40.

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	657·89	(—1·79)
"500" ...	702·88	(—2·22)
All-share ...	640·92	(—2·01)

U.S. securities house links to Clive Discount

By DAVID BREWERTON

THE GIANT American securities house Prudential-Bache Securities has gained a foothold in the London discount market and plans to become a primary dealer in United Kingdom gilts through a complicated deal with Clive Discount Holdings.

Clive is one of the nine members of the London Discount Market Association, regarded as one of the world's most exclusive "*club.*"

In common with its fellow members, it has been planning to open up as a primary dealer in gilts when the "Big Bang" revolutionises the City next year.

Instead, it has decided to sell its membership ticket to the Americans, while retaining a profit participation for itself.

Clive announced its link-up with Prudential-Bache yesterday at the same time as confirming it had suffered heavy losses in the sterling fixed interest market early this year.

For the 12 months to March 31 it reports a net loss of £810,000, compared with a profit of £1·26 million in 1983-84. The loss is struck after writing back all its inner reserves, and the "real" loss could have been double the reported figure.

The board, headed by Nicholas Chamberlen, says the *market in which it trades* remains very volatile and the outlook is uncertain.

Prudential-Bache has come into the group as a powerful partner—its parent company, Prudential Insurance of America has consilidated assets of $97 billion—with a loan and option package which could ultimately give its 34 p.c. of Clive's equity and could even lead to a full-scale bid.

The United States group is subscribing for £7¼5 million of floating rate loan stock at the advantageous rate of interest 1 p.c. belowe three month Libor.

At the same time, Clive is granting Prudential-Bache an option to subscribe for 15·2 million new shares at 57p a share, exerciseable at any time *up to June 1995*, when the loan stock is due to be redeemed.

Existing Clive shareholders are being granted warrants to subscribe for new shares, also at 57p, in the ratio of one warrant for every ten shares held. The warrants are exercisable from next years annually until 1995.

The arrangement give Clive a cheap source of funds and the ultimate possibility that 34 p.c. of its shares will end up in the *hands* of the American group.

Market sources suggest that, had the new capital not been subscribed, *Clive would* have had to be more drastic with its dividend. In the event, a final of 1·10p will be proposed for a total of 2·5p against 5¼6p.

Clive might also have been vulnerable to a full-scale bid from a third party following the results. In fact, despite the American intervention, the *sares still dropped 10p to 51p* on the day.

As part of the deal, Prudential-Bache's associate in the London Stock market, P-B Securities, Down, de Boer & Duckett, will be taking responsibility for the new primary dealership.

It will assume ownership and will capitalise the business, drawing on expertise from both sides. Clive will retain a share of the profits of the dealership, but willt no carry the responsibility for the losses.

Chris de Boer, partner in P-B Securities, said yesterday that the arrangement with Clive retained the flexibility that if the association proved not to work, the two sides could walk away from each other without complications.

BP profit up £173m in first quarter

By TOM KYTE

BRITISH PETROLEUM'S first quarter profits to March 31 met with a mixed reception yesterday. Historical cost profits after tax emerged at the top end of expectations at £515 million against £342 million but the replacement cost profit was towards the bottom end of the anticipated range.

The latter view prevailed at the close and the shares fell 12p to 355p.

Group profits on both the historical and replacement cost bases were substantially higher, however, than any of the quarterly profits for 1984.

The strength of the dollar played a major part in the *historical cost gain giving rise* to a stockholding increase of more than £100 million.

Out of the historical cost profit around £289 million was earned by B P excluding Sohio, and £226 million came from Sohio.

In the fourth quarter of 1984 the historical cost profit of *£351 million included contributions* of £213 million from B P (ex Sohio) and £138 million from Sohio.

The group's replacement cost operating profit for the quarter of £1·2 billion showed an improvement of over 20 p.c. compared with the first and fourth quarters of last year, reflecting the strength of the dollar and the dominance of upstream exploration and production activities.

B P Exploration's operating profit of £437 million was the highest quarterly contribution yet achieved with North Sea production averaging 509,000 barrels a day, and dailyl production from overseas of 185,000 barrels; 46,000 barrels a day higher than the previous quarter.

BP Oil International's replacement cost operating profit of £61 million was a marked improvement on the £11 million profit in the fourth quarter through marketing margins remained under pressure until late in the quarter while prices lagged behind currency costs.

Underlying growth in Sohio, of the United States 55p.c. owned—also improved over the fourth quarter with exploration, production, refining and marketing *all contributing* to the increase.

The contribution also included income from the south-eastern United States refining and marketing properties purchased from Gulf Oil.

Tough month for unit trusts

By RICHARD NORTHEDGE

UNIT TRUST investors redeemed a record £200 million of units during April, and net new purchases *at £75·6 million* were their lowest since September last year.

The repurchases compare with £177 million in March, itself the second highest on record, and probably reflect realisations of capital gains at the end of the tax year.

Gross sales of new units at *£275 million* were the lowest this year however, despite the launch of seven new funds by members of the Unit Trust Association, bringing members' total up to 716.

An increasing number of unit managers are not joining the association, and their sales are largely excluded from the industry statistics published *yesterday*.

In the past year, the value of U T A members' funds has increased from £13·2 billion to stand at its second highest level ever in April of £16·4 billion, with £1·41 billion of the £5·08 *billion increase coming from* new sales.

The number of unit holdings also rose in April to a record 2·35 million.

Most net sales in the first quarter of the current year have been in connection with life assurance or pensions contracts, rather than straight unit *sales*.

Wall Street cheered by housing starts

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

AN unexpectedly robust housing starts report and excitment over Signal Comperies merger with Allied Corporation fuelled a share price rise on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

Stocks rose across the board in afternoon trading, boosted by favourable analysis of the proposed $5 billion merger between Allied and Signal.

The merger, which would be the largest in United States history outside the petroleum industry, would create a chemical and engineering concern that will rank among America's top 20 industrial companies.

The initial response to the merger had been negative and stock in allied corporation fell sharply on Wednesday. Yesterday, however, Wall Street did ah about face and the stock in *both companies soared*.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 4·53 *higher* at 1,278·05.

In Washington, the Commerce *Department reported that* housing starts rose 1·6 p.c. in April and the unusually sharp jump helped ease concerns over sluggish growth.

"On balance, it's a fairly strong report," said David Ernst, Vice President of Evans Econometrics. "It does add some strength to an economy that otherwise hasn't been looking so strong."

● Officials from Reuters and United Press International have held informal talks to discuss a possible merger, UPI confirmed yesterday. However, talks "were purely exploratory and no formal offer was made." UPI has received a number of inquiries from interested suitors.

● The pound in New York *colsed at* $1·2600 against $1·2680.

CITY COMMENT

Flying start for Stock Exchange sterling options

SINCE the early 1970s financiaol markets have been trying to cope with the sudden increase in volatility that followed the ending of fixed exchange rates. The problem might have gone away of its own accord, except that the two oil crises had the effect of increasing the volume of footloose funds. The *American budget deficit has* made financial markets even more volatile as the dollar has climbed well above its natural level.

This explains the fast development of financial futures markets, led by the two Chicago exchanges, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. London also got into the act, although its operations are still on a modest scale. And smaller futures markets have sprung up everywhere from Philadelphia to Singapore.

Yesterday London made a small but significant addition to its facilities for insuring against volatilty in financial markets. For the Stock Exchange started trading in options on the sterling exchange rate with the dollar. The first day's trading seems to have gone well with 2,420 contracts being recorded by the close.

There are a number of points to notice about this initiative. It takes place on the floor of the Stock Exchange rather than in the Royal Exchange, were the London International Financial Futures *Exchange (Liffe) is situated*. Well done, the Stock Exchange, in getting under way first!

Secondly, the new contract has been planned on the basis that it will shortly be tradeable both in London and on the Philadelphia exchange, allowing an extended trading session. This parallels the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's link with Singapore.

Finally, the Stock Exchange's development underlines the increasing popularity of options compared with punre futures contracts. Options involve one single payment to hedge or speculate as the case may be; futures contracts require constant adjustment as prices move. Liffe already has a successful futures contract on the sterling-dollar exchange rate and it will shortly add an option contract, thus competing directly with the Stock Exchange. Such rivalry is extremely valuable.

Hattersley's bank plan

ROY HATTERSLEY, Labour's Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor, chose to unveil the details of his proposed National Investment Bank yesterday before two very different audiences, a G L C-sponsored conference on the City and industry with Labour politicians and trade unionists much in evidence and the Euromoney International Capital Markets Conference, stuffed to the gills with bankers and brokers.

This was both appropriate and timely in the circumstances, on a day in which Labour squeezed narrowly into first place in the opinion polls and in the wake of demonstrable concern by Tory backbenchers and, indeed, the Governor of the Bank of England over the provision of suitable finance for British industry.

Mr Hattersley made the point that Britain is almost alone among the European countries in lacking an institution to provide substantial amounts of medium and long-term credit to industry, often at preferential interest rates. More contentiously, he accused Britain's banks and the City institutions of failing to understand industry's needs.

While the low interest loan would be central to the N I B's work it would also make loans at commercial rates and would work *closely with organisations like* local entrprise boards, Mr Hattersley said. These had successfully invested, at *market rates*, in the small and medium-sized companies the commercial institutions had neglected.

The Shadow Chancellor was at pains to emphasise that the *N I B*, unlike the ill-fated National Enterprise Board of the previous Labour government, would not be in the lame-duck rescue business. "The N I B will not exist to subsidise jobs or stave off inevitable collapse," he said.

All this represents a considerable change of tone from the Labour Party of old. But it is unlikely, *nevertheless, to endear the N I B to* the City. For a start, the initial funding will come from the forced *repatriation of overseas portfolio* investments by the financial institutions. It will take custom away from the banks. And one small aside by Mr Hattersley is certain to set the cat among the pigeons if Labour is judged to have a fighting chance of forming the next government. Acquistion of expertise would be one of the advantages of basing the N I B on the nationalisation of an existing institution," he said without elaboration. Rumours of the death of Clause 4 are greatly exaggrated.

Prescription for pensions

DR DAVID OWEN, the S D P leader, may have embarked on an exercise in futility in springing to the defence of the State Earnings-Related Pensions Scheme in his speech to the National Association of Pension Funds conference in Harrogat e yesterday. Even if Gallup Poll is right it may be too late to save Serps, if Mr Fowler, Secretary for Social Services, has started winding it down before the next election is called.

If it survives that long, reforming it is still easier said than done. Dr Owen's call for compromise sounds reasonable enough in theory, but it is hard to see the Labour party, let alone the Tories, in their present mood, rushing to re-create the kind of historic compromise achieved by Mrs Castle and Sir Geoffrey Howe which created Serps ten years ago.

The doctor's prescription includes eliminating widows' rights to their husbands' benefits, as well as their own Serps, making 65 the qualifying age for both sexes, and basing entitlement on the average of the best 50 rather than the best 20 years' earnings. The Institute *for Fiscal Studies calculates* that this would save half the burgeoning cost of the mature Serps.

If more savings are needed, Serps could apply to a smaller proportion of total earnings, either by pegging the upper limit or reducing it from its present level of about 1½ times average earnings.

Arbitrarily and restrospectively changing pension rules is exactly what Mr Fowler himself is up to. Dr Owen is on safer ground when he argues for a plural system of pensions with the State old-age pension a State earnings-related scheme of sorts, earnings-related company pensions schemes and personal portable schemes. The more options available the more likely individuals are to get suitable schemes to fit their own needs. The real obstacles in this context are the Treasury and the Inland Revenue, which set strict limits of tax relief individuals can get on pension contributions.

Even if the Treasury takes a more ulightened view in future to make sure pension reform does not create injustice, there is still a danger that individuals will be dazzled by the private pension salesman, and may end up buying up the wrong pension plan or worse, postponing the decision and doing nothing.

Making private pension schemes compulsory for those not already in an occupational scheme will meet only part of that problem.

FAMILY MONEY GO ROUND

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Heath operating profit up 38pc

C. E. HEATH, in merger talks with fellow Lloyd's broker Hogg Robinson Group, increased turnover 19p.c. for the year to end-*March and pushed operating* profit up by 38p.c. to £32·6million, with the chairman forecasting "excellent prospects" for the current year. Heath shares rose 15p yesterday to 598p.

Chairman Derek Newton said the big increase in underwriting profits came mainly from Aus*tralia and Bermuda companies*, which included an £800,000 currency boost.

Even if the projected legislation for a single state insurer in the state of Victoria were passed this year, the current year's profits would be unaffected said Mr Newton.

Taddale plunges to £2m loss

TADDALE Securities, the most widely-held share traded over-the-counter in the United Kingdom, yesterday announced a £4 million downturn to an estimated pre-tax loss of just over £2 million for the year to last month.

The statement also confirms that Michael Carlton, who founded the company, resigned as deputy chairman with effect from April 30 "to manage his personal interests."

Mr Carlton, the highest-paid member of the Taddale board, has taken a "minimal" compensation payment with him.

The figures for Taddale, chaired by Sir Monty Finniston, show that operating profits from the industrial holding companies rose from £465,000 to £1·2 million. But a series of debts including an interest bill of £2 million and £1¼2 million of losses from discontinued operations eliminated any gains.

A below-the-line extraordinary debit of £2·4 million most of which related to a write-down in the value of six properties owned by Taddale, took the total net loss to £4·5 million.

Managing director Alan Gale said that Mr Carlton had left "by mutual agreement." *since the group was no longer* involved in "his particular area of expertise."

The statement reveals that the group lost £500,000 on the sale of its 29·9 p.c. stake in Prince of Wales Hotels last month. Although the sale itself was made at a profit, that was wiped out by the interest *bill for holding* the stake during the year.

Abbey Life float to raise £100m

ABBEY LIFE chairman Michael Hepher yesterday confirmed that I T T's flotation of a minority of the life, pensions and uit trusts company will go ahead early next month and will raise "upwards of £100 million."

Although a value of about £500 million has unofficially been placed on the whole company, *Mr Hepher claimed* that I T T has yet to decide what proportion of the company will be sold, and the price will not be fixed until June.

He confirmed too that policyholders will not be given priority in the issue, even though the Stock Exchange is allowing self-employed salesmen to use "pink slips" like Abbey employees.

Bristow claims 16pc of Westland

THE Alan Bristow consortium, attempting to win control of Westland with an "unwelcome" £89 million offer through Bristow Rotocraft, already speaks for 16·7 p.c. of the troubled helicopter manufacturer's equity.

This is revealed in Bristow's formal offer document yesterday, which shows that about *10 p.c. of that holding repre*sents a one million share stake owned by Baynards Holdings A.G. a Liechtenstein-based Bristow family trust.

The document shows Britoil chairman Sir Philip Shelbourne and Basil Butler, managing director and chief executive of B P Exploration and B P Petro*leum Development, as having* agreed to join the board.

Mr Bristow lists almost a dozen priorities to be put in hand if his offer is successful, headed by the underpinning of the financial stability of the company until the Anglo-Italian EH 101 helicopter comes on stream.

The document also reveals the founding investors in Bristow Rotocraft have been *granted options on* 10 p.c. of the company's equity.

A spokesman for Westland replied that Mr Bristow had listed Westland's problems but not put forward any solutions.

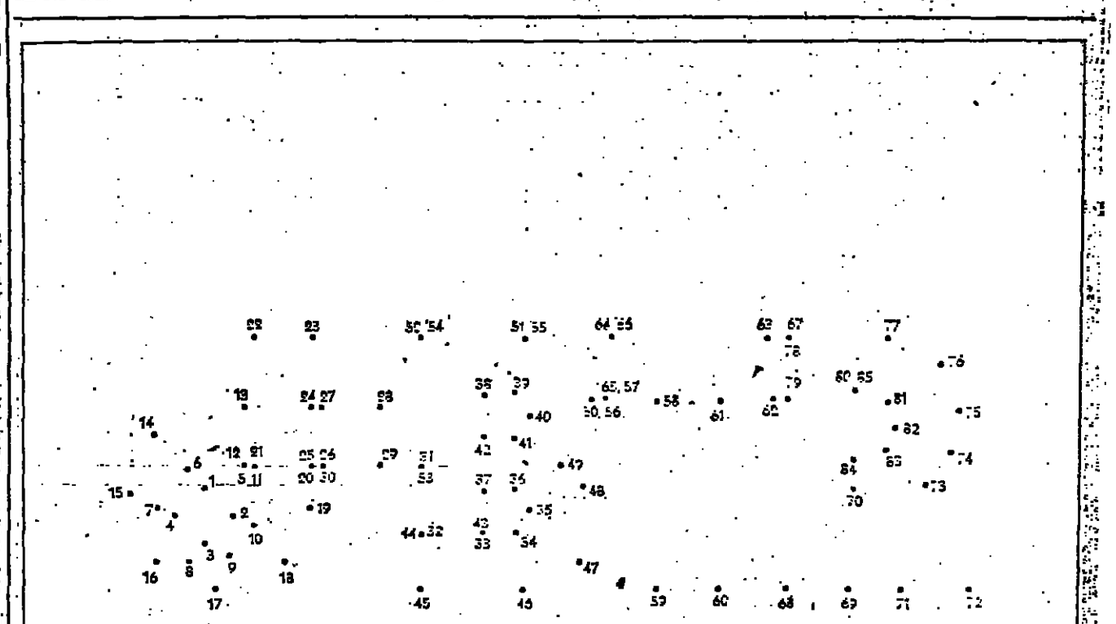
Sealink's £15·5m winter loss

A LOSS of about £15·5 million in the first quarter of the year was reported yesterday by Sealink, which is to be brought to the stock market under the name of British Ferries within two years.

But heavy losses are normal *in the winter quarter*, with the bulk of earnings coming during the summer.

Sealink *was bought from* British Rail last July by Sea Containers for £66 million and the losses are more than £1 million worse than expected. "An exceptionally hard winter," was blamed.

Sea Containers itself made a net loss of about £2 million for the quarter on turnover of £82 *million*, down from a profit of more than £15 million on turnover of about £40 million a year ago before the Sealink acquisition.



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COMPANIES

Bank of Ireland

SUBSTANTIALLY increased provisions against potential loan losses at Bank of Ireland have meant that full year pre-tax profits have dropped from IR£70·1m, to IR£52·7m, but the group is holding the total dividend at 17·5p with a same again 12p final on July 5.

The board says the main reason for the increased provisions was due to the difficult conditions in which many customers found themselves as the effects of corrective economic policies worked through the economy.

These effects are proving to be significantly greater and more widespread than anticipated.

Provided there is no significant deterioration in the economy, the board says the amount of provision in the current year should be materially lower.

Dubilier

ON turnover 17 p.c. ahead at £24·7m, Dubilier, the electronic components maker, lifted first half pre-tax profits by 26 p.c. from £2·31m to £2·90m.

Overall demand for components remained strong, but some weakness was experienced in the United States personal computer market. The unsettled state of the United States market makes it difficult to predict the group's performance in the short term, but it is anticipated that satisfactory progress will be made in the second half.

Earnings are 1·3p higher at 4·8p, and the interim dividend goes up from 1p to 1·1p on July 26.

Hanover Investments

FULL year pre-tax profits from Hanover Investment (Holdings), the parent company of Druce & Co., the estate agency, are up by 37·7 p.c. from £455,000 to £624,000, and from earnings of 9p (7·1p) the total dividend is being lifted by 50 p.c. from 2p to 3p with a 2p final on July 31. Turnover was £572,000 ahead at £5·27m.

The current year will for the first time include a full year's contribution from all the group's companies, which are being actively encouraged to expand both organically and by acquisition.

The group recently made its fourth purchase within the last 12 months—Ronald Preston and Partners, the estate agents—and says it is well placed to make further progress this year.

Henderson Group

HENDERSON GROUP, the garage doors to security systems group engaged in a bitter struggle to acquire R. Cartwright, has had another record year, with pre-tax profits up from £5·71m to £6·81m on sales of £66·1m against £58·6m.

Earnings come out at 18·1p, compared with 16·7p, and the dividend goes up by a fifth to 6p(5p) with a 3·75p final on July 12.

Despite a very active year in terms of acquisitions and increased capital expenditure, chairman Pat Gaynor says the strength of the balance sheet allows the group to continue to seek new opportunities.

Investors Capital Tst

INVESTORS Capital Trust is to be managed by a separate management company in which Investors Capital will acquire a majority of the shares. The management company will also seek other investment management business with a view to building up a substantial Edinburgh-based investment management company.

David Williams, a former deputy managing director of Murray Johnstone, will be managing director of the new company.

John Foster

JOHN FOSTER & Son, the mohair and worsted clothmaker, continued its recovery in 1984-85 £605,000 pre-tax past the previous best of £1·03m — the 1973-74 14 month period annualised to £1·1m and is well set now to move forward.

It has made three take-overs in the past four years and will have a full year's contribution this time from the latest, Pepper Lee; while the group order book, which is mainly for export markets, is running at a higher level than last year.

Then turnover rose from £17m to £21·5m with volume improving by some 12 p.c. Earnings come out 5p better at 11·2p and holders get a 2·5p final on July 10 making 3p (2·25p).

NSS Newsagents

NSS NEWSAGENTS' opening half pre-tax profits are back from £3·01m to £2·88m, but these are struck after exceptional costs of £460,000 relating to the PAYE settlement.

With an earlier Easter, trading results were actually better than the corresponding half. On the other hand, last year's figures included a significant profit on sale of assets.

Expansion has continued in retail and the board expects a substantial increase in selling space by the end of the financial year. Earnings are 0·3p off at 4·6p, but the interim dividend is lifted from 1·2p to 1·35p on July 10.

Robert Moss

ROBERT MOSS, the plastic injection moulder currently bidding for Cole Group in part to get more volume, has had another record year with pre-tax profits up from £1·598m to £2·2m and has made a good start again this time.

Earnings are up from equal to 7·52p to 9·05p and in turn there is a 2·1p final on July 15 making 5p (2·5p).

IN BRIEF

Benlox Holdings: Full-year pre-tax profit £558,000 (£525,000). *Turnover* £10·0m (£8·58m). Eps 2·04p (6·09p). Final dividend 0·6p, making 1·1p (1p). Anticipate future dividend growth in 1985 as a result of expected increase in profitability for the year.

Country & New Town Properties: Full-year pre-tax profit £3·48m (£2·86m). Gross rental and service income £15·3m (£10·8m). Eps 3·48p (3·21p). Final dividend 1p, payable Oct. 1, making 1·5p, (1·25p). Nav 121p.

Western Selection: First half pre-tax profit £588,000 (£527,000). Turnover £5·52m (£3·26m). Eps 2·25p (1·77p). Interim dividend 1p (same), payable July 4. Market value of general portfolio at March 31 £1·22m, compared with cost of £905,000. Group profit for full-year expected to exceed last year's £616,000 pre-tax.

Feedex Agricultural Industries: Full-year pre-tax profit £305,000 (£281,000). Turnover £56·2m (£59·8m). Eps 0·83p (2·84p). Final dividend 0·5p (0·65p), payable July 12, making 0·5p (1·15p).

Witan Investments: Full year pre-tax profit £7·27m (£6·977m). Income from investments £10·7m (£8·58m). Interest charge £3·6m (£1·35m). Eps 2·8 (2·6p). Nav, prior charges at par, 202·7p (175·8p). Final dividend 1·45p, payable July 18, making 2·75p (2·55p).

London Atlantic Investment Trust: Full year pre-tax profit £1·12m (£1·02m). Gross revenue £1·55m (£1·197m). Interest charge £517,000 (£81,400). Eps 6·29p (5·77p). Nav, 202·8p (185p). Final dividend 4·25p, payable July 15, making 6·1p (5·55p).

BIDS AND DEALS

Allied Textiles

ALLIED TEXTILES, which itself is fighting off an unwelcome £44m takeover bid from London & Midland Industries, has completed the acquisition of Mayfield Group for a total consideration of almost £10m.

This will be satisfied by the issue of 1·8 Ordinary shares in Allied and £1m in cash. The Mayfield management team have pledged to be long-term holders and have agreed in any event not to sell any of their Allied shares before end January 1987.

The transaction is subject to shareholders approval and to the attempted bid from L M I lapsing. The board says the purchase of Mayfield will increase Allied's textiles profits by 40 p.c. In 1983-84 these activities made £5·22m, indicating an increase to around £4·5m, which could leave the group on course for £5·5m (£4·17m) in 1984-85.

Cosalt

INTERMARINE Chandlers, where Australian businessman Kerry Packer's Cairton Group has a 47·6 p.c. interest, has emerged as the buyer of a 9·86 p.c. stake in Grimsby-based ships chandler Cosalt.

Edward Brian, who became chairman in March 1984, had an interest in the one million share stake and now holds around 5 p.c. of the equity.

Cosalt recently followed up a recovery in pre-tax profits in 1984 from £57,000 to £536,000 with opening half profits of £249,000 against a £135,000 loss last time.

Hammerson Canada

HAMMERSON Property's Canadian subsidiary, Hammerson Canada Inc, is to sell not less than C$60m (£34·7m) of cumulative redeemable retractable preferred shares, series B, at a rate of around 9 p.c., to Wood Gundy Inc. and Walwyn Stodgell Cochran Murray. The series B will rank equally with the series A preferred.

CHAIRMEN

DRG — John Camm: Sales and profits for first four months of year ahead. Remain confident for the immediate prospects, but effect on consumer demand as a result of the high interest rates gives cause for concern.

Allda Holdings—Rex Stone: Turnover and profit for first four months well ahead of internal budgets and substantially in advance of corresponding figures for 1984.

Reckitt & Colman—Sir James Cleminson: Group trading well and despite problems with fluctuations in currencies have every confidence in satisfactory progress.

Fitch & Co.—David Legg: 1985 has begun well.

Albert Martin Holdings—Michael Kidd: Well placed to achieve further progress and future viewed with confidence.

Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings—Malcolm Walker: See this year's trading as satisfactory and in line with expectation. So far have opened seven new stores; fitting out another four and expect to start work on a further three shortly.

MONEY & EXCHANGES

WITH several of the European centres closed for the Ascension Day holiday trading in the foreign exchange market yesterday was thin. Sterling, after slipping to $1·25, picked up to close 19 points down at $1·2608.

The sterling index shed 0·2 to finish at 78·9. The pound also recovered most of its early losses against other currencies.

A quiet session was experienced in money markets. With any hope of another reduction in base rates some way off there was little to give trading any impetus and the shortage, put at around £500 million, was easily taken out of the system.

THE POUND ABROAD

	16-5-85	Prev. close
Austria	27.34—.33	27.22—.29
Belgium*	78.25—.47	78.09—.37
Canada	1.7264—.7300	1.7314—.7353
Denmark	13.8218—14.0008	13.9440—.9740
France	11.8314—.8853	11.8376—.8895
Germany W	3.8808—.8949	3.8808—.8881
Holland	4.3764—.3942	4.3694—.3872
Ireland	1.2375—.2456	1.2348—.2405
Italy	2473.79—2482.25	2467.34—2479.52
Japan	316.61—317.27	316.76—317.33
Norway	11.1278—.2141	11.1888—.2243
Portugal	220.60—224.55	217.78—223.10
Spain	217.98—218.62	218.29—.92
Sweden	11.2066—.2788	11.2208—.2591
Switzerland	3.2494—.2596	3.2547—.2624
Utd. States	1.2600—.2615	1.2620—.2635

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 78·8 (78·9) CLOSE 78·9 (79·1) (Base 1975=100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 639.12—640.14
Australia	A$1.8450—1.8460
Brazil	Cruzeiro 6517.00—6522.00
Cyprus	C£ 0.7920—0.7974
Finland	Markka 8.0680—8.0840
Greece	Drachma 169.42—173.11
Hong Kong	HK$ 9.8380—9.8480
India	Rupee 15.6250
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3930—0.3960
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3790—0.3830
Malaysia	Ringgit 3.1320—3.1420
Saudi Arabia	Riyal 4.5340—4.5840
Singapore	S$ 2.8050—2.8150
South Africa	Rand 2.4811—2.4951
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.6026—4.6490

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	16-5-85	Prev. close
France	9.4000	9.3850
Germany	3.0815	3.0780
Switzerland	2.5850	2.5800
Japan	251.59	251.05
Trade weighted ave	146.50	146.40

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:		
7 days 8 5/16—8 3/16		1 month 8—8⅛
3 months 8⅛—8¼		6 months 8 5/16—8 9/16
MARKS:		
7 days 5 7/16—5 9/16		1 month 5 7/16—5 9/16
3 months 5½—5⅝		6 months 5 9/16—5 11/16
SWISS FRANCS:		
7 days 1¾—2		1 month 4 11/16—4 15/16
3 months 5—5⅛		6 months 5 1/16—5 3/16

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

Austria	14⅛—13 Gr. pm	40½—36 Gr. pm
Belgium	26—22 c. pm	71—63 c. pm
Canada	0.48—0.41 c pm	1.32—1.18 c pm
Denmark	4⅞—3⅞ Ore pm	11¼—10½ Ore pm
France	2½—2¼ c. pm	7½—6⅞ c pm
Germany W	3⅛—2¾ Pfc pm	6⅞—6½ Pfc pm
Holland	2¼—1⅞ c. pm	6¼—5⅞ c. pm
Italy	4—1 Lire pm	5 Lr pm—¾ Lr dis
Japan	1⅞—1⅝ Y en pm	5—4¾ Yen pm
Norway	¼ O. pm—¼ O. dis	⅛ O. pm—⅜ O. dis
Portugal	100—420 c. dis	320—1200 c. dis
Spain	10 c. pm—5 c. dis	15—50 c. dis
Sweden	2·4—3⅞ Ore dis	3⅞—10¼ Ore dis
Switzerland	2⅛—2 c. pm	6¼—5⅞ c. pm
Utd. States	0.51—0.49 c. pm	1.37—1.32 c. pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $320·40 — 2nd Fix $320·10
Close $320·50 ($325·25)
Sterling Equiv. £254·22 (£255·99)

KRUGERRANDS*

£258·00—£305·90 (£259·00—£306·90)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£227·20—£229·85 (£227·50—£229·95)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£58·00—£74·75 (£58·00—£74·75)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES
(per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 12½—12¾ (April 19)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 13½ pc (May)

DISCOUNT MKT.:	Day-to-Day 9—12⅞	
INTERBANK:		Overnight 12⅝—12¾
7 days 12⅞—12¾		1 month 12 11/16—12 13/16
3 months 12⅝—12¾		6 months 12 5/16—12½
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:		
Two days 12⅞		Seven days 12⅞
One month 12⅞		Three months 12½
BANK BILLS:		1 month 12¼—12⅜
3 months 12—12 1/32		6 months 11 15/32—11⅝
TREAS. BILLS:		1 month 12 3/16—12¼
2 months 12 1/16—12⅛		3 months 11 15/16—12
STERLING C.Ds.:		1 month 12⅝—12¾
3 months 12 7/16—12 9/16		1 year 11 15/16—12 1/16
DOLLAR C.Ds.:		1 month 7.92—8.02
3 months 8.07—8.17		1 year 8.74—8.84

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff report

COPPER: Steadier. Wire Bars: Off settlement £1,201 (£1,236). Off midday cash £1,200-£1,201, 3 months £1,200-£1,201. After close cash £1,205·50-£1,206. 3 months £1,204·50-£1,205. T.O 21,400 tonnes. Cathodes: Idle. Off settlement £1,195 (£1,215). Off midday cash £1,190-£1,195. 3 months £1,192-£1,195. After close cash £1,191-£1,195. 3 months £1,190-£1,195. T/O nil.

TIN: Steady. Off settlement £9,565 (£9,481). Off midday cash £9,560-£9,565. 3 months £9,530-£9,532. After close cash £9,465-£9,555. 3 months £9,515-£9,519. T/O 1,185 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady. Off settlement £298 (£298·50). Off midday cash £297-£298. 3 months £301·75-£302. After close cash £298-£299. 3 months £302-£302·50. T/O 3,150 tonnes.

ZINC: Barely steady. Off settlement £652 (£671). Off midday cash £651-£652. 3 mths £655-£656. After close cash £648-£649. 3 mths £653-£654. T/O 8,975 tonnes.

SILVER: Steadier but quiet. Midday cash 515·5p-515·8p. 3 mths 531p-532p. Aft close cash 515·5p-516·5p. 3 mths 532·5p-533p. T/O 67 lots of 10,000oz each.

ALUMINIUM: Barely steady. Off settlement £892 (£886). Off midday cash £891·50-£892. 3 mths £912·50-£913. Aft close cash £886-£887. 3 mths £908-£908·50. T/O 10,500 tonnes.

NICKEL: Barely steady. Off settlement £4,505 (£4,465). Off midday cash £4,504-£4,505. 3 mths £4,452-£4,455. Aft close cash £4,460-£4,480. 3 mths £4,420-£4,440. T/O 1,544 tonnes.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 517·15 (513·95). 3 mths 532·30 (529·20). 6 mths 547·50 (544·75). 1 yr 572·95 (573·55).

PLATINUM: Free-Market (£291·10).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

Rubber Spot: 64·00-67·00 (64·00-67·00).

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Basis, No. 3 Long. C.I.F., Antwerp Prices.

SUGAR: London Daily Price Raws $86 £68; No. 6 Contract $ per tonne: Aug. 95-95·20, Oct. 98·40-98·60. Dec. 104·20-104·60. March 116·40-116·60. May 120·40-120·80. Aug. 126·20-126·60. Oct. 130·20-130·80. T/O 1,534 Lots.

COFFEE £ per ton: May 2055, July 2110, Sept. 2150, Nov. 2185, Jan. 2210. Sales 1341.

COCOA. E. D. & F. Man. (COCOA) REPORT (£ per Tonne). Closing Prices: May 1775 sell, 1760 buy, July 1782, 1781, Sept. 1772, 1770, Dec. 1750, 1747, March 1763, 1760, May 1775, 1774, July 1790, 1780. Sales 6227.

SOYA MEAL: Slightly Firmer. June £24-£26. Aug. £20·50-£20·90. Oct. £25·20-£25·40. Dec. £29·50-£29. Feb. £34-£34·50. April £36-£36·50. June £36-£37. T/O 252 Lots.

GAS OIL FUTURES

June 217-16·75. July 215·25-15. Aug. 216·50-16·25. Sept. 219-18·25. Oct. 221·50-19·25. Nov. 225-21. Dec. 230-23. Jan. 233-25. Feb. 235-31. Total volume 248. Premier Man.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 26·95. Dubai 25·55. Arab Heavy 25·45. North Sea (Forties) 26·50. North Sea (Brent) 26·55. Nigerian *Bonny Light* 26·40.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

HGCA — Locational ex-farm spot prices and changes on last week. SE: Feed wheat 118·80. feed barley 112·90. SW: Feed wheat 121·10. down 170. feed barley 113·90. W. Midlands: Feed wheat 120, down 200. NW: Feed wheat 122·50, up 110. feed barley 112·90. down 200.

BARLEY £ per ton: May 113·00. Sept. 99·20. Nov. 102·75. Jan. 106·25. March 109·45. WHEAT "B" £ per ton: May 118·10. July 120·80. Sept. 99·75. Nov. 103·15. Jan. 106·70.

(G A F T A)

LIVE PIGS (Gafta) pence per kilo: June 103·3. July 96·0. Aug. 94·5. Sept. 95. Oct. 98·8. Nov. 100·5. Jan. 94·5. Feb. 94·3. March 94·0. April 94·5. May 95·0. T/O nil Lot.

PIGMEAT (Gafta) pence per kilo: June 107·5. Aug. 102·0. Oct. 107·0. Nov. 107·1. Feb. 100·0. April 103·4. T/O 70 Lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): May £57. Nov. £64·30. Feb. £72·50. April £85·70. May £91·30. T/O 486 Lots.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit lb: Eating apples 12-30, cookers 8-14, bananas 30-32, cherries 180, grapes 45-65, rhubarb 4-6, strawberry 60-100, watermelon 20-30, each: avocados 20-35, coconut 27, grapefruit 12-20, kiwi 12-20, lemon 3-8, limes 15-16, mangoes 40-60, melons 30-140, oranges 5-16, pink grapefruit 30, tangerine 10, pawpaw 50-60, pineapple 50-125, peach 14-25.

Vegetables—lb: root artichoke 30, aubergine 40-50, asparagus 100-200, calabrese 200, sprouting broccoli 15, beans bobbi 40, kenya 80-100, broad 40, flat 50, green cabbage 13-18, red 10, white 7, english carrots 10, new 22, french new 26, courgettes 40, spring green 8-10, leeks 20-30, mangetout 200-250, mushroom 40-65, onions 7-16, parsnips and swedes 7, peas 50, green peppers 22, red 100, old potatoes 3-8, imported new 9-14, home grown new 20-25, spinach 30-40, turnips 30, each globe artichoke 25, cauliflower 20-40, sweetcorn 30.

Salad—lb: chicory 50, beetroot 13, cooked beetroot 25, chinese leaf 50, parsley 40, tomatoes 23-37, beef 40, per BUNCH: radish 10, spring onion 8-10, watercress 16, each: celery 15-30, cucumbers 24-32, round lettuce 10-12, cos 14-20, webbs 15-16, iceberg 35-40.

GRIMSBY FISH

Quayside prices ex-ship 10stone: Cod £52-£68, codling £42-£46, large haddock £40-£50, medium £35-£37, small £17-£20, large plaice £68-£72, medium £68-£72, small £40-£45, large lemon soles £95-£111, medium £70-£85, small £30-£65, rockfish £40, coley £20-£25.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices yesterday GB cattle 101·84p kg lw(+1·97). sheep 220·77p kg est dcw(−9·96) pigs 85·15p kg lw(+2·14). England and Wales: Cattle nos up 1·1 p.c. Ave price 103·18p(+1·56). sheep nos down 2·1 p.c., ave price 221·52p(−11·37). pig nos up 13·8 p.c., ave price 85·04p (+2·13). Scotland: Cattle nos up 7·1 p.c. ave price 100·94p (+3·16) sheep nos down 2·1 p.c., ave price 214·65p (+1·24) pig nos down 1 p.c., ave price 88·95p(+2·17).

FREIGHT FUTURES

With much of Continent on holiday for Ascension Day, interest was thin. Values generally eased before recovering on light buying. Reports Coley and Harper. July 907·5 down 1·5 volume 8. Oct. 942·0 down 8·0 volume 41. Jan. 934·0 down 8·0 volume 40. April 992·5 down 7·5 volume 1. July 928·0 down 8·0. Oct. 1005·0 down 20·0. Jan. 1050·0 unch. April 1075·0, down 2·5. Total lots traded 90. Yesterday's BFI 999·5, down 10·0.

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A B.A.T Industries Report

Extracts from the Chairman's Speech at the Annual General Meeting

"I expect the Group to make further progress in profits"

Patrick Sheehy, Chairman
B.A.T Industries

The outlook for the world economy is uncertain, with continuing budget deficits in the US, instability in exchange and interest rates, and the growing menace of protectionism. It is, therefore, a particularly difficult environment in which to predict the Group's performance for the year. Any further weakening of the US dollar would certainly have a significant effect on the Group's reported earnings.

The results from our tobacco operations will again show a mixed picture but with an overall improvement in local currency terms, thanks to higher productivity. Total sales will also increase. Brown & Williamson is maintaining its share of the US market. The West German cigarette business will benefit from a price increase in September. Souza Cruz maintains its successful and dominant position in the Brazilian cigarette market, although political uncertainties make it difficult to forecast price increases and inflation. The prospects for Brazilian leaf exports continue to be good.

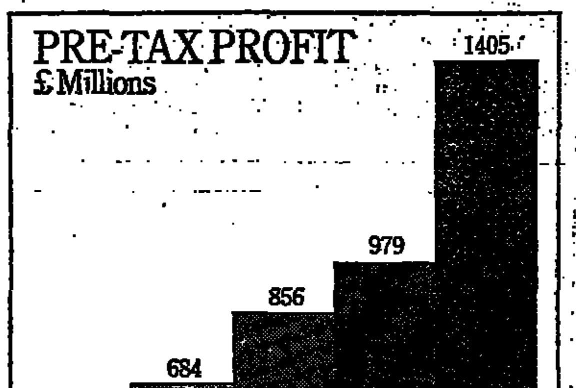
Retailing in the US remains highly competitive and promotional, but I would expect our 1985 results to be at least as good as last year's in dollar terms. Argos catalogue showrooms continue their outstanding progress in sales and profits. Horten department stores in West Germany should also show an improvement in trading profits over last year.

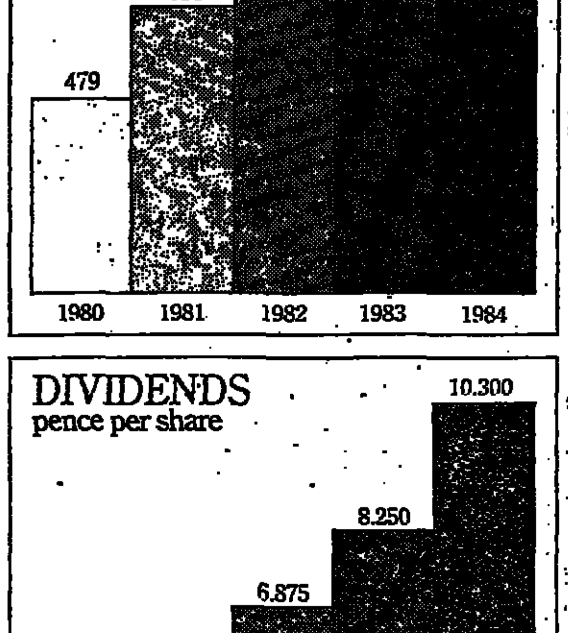
Wiggins Teape had a good start to the year, with its carbonless copying papers doing very well in both Britain and Europe. Appleton Papers continues its progress in the US and will benefit during the year from its acquisition of the West Carrollton mill. Overall I expect the profits from our paper businesses to be significantly higher than last year.
We have announced our intention to sell Mardon Packaging International, but meanwhile it continues to trade well.

Eagle Star has so far achieved a substantial increase in premium income, including an improvement in rates, although claims continue at a high level on the liability, all-in and motor accounts. Hambro Life, soon to be known as Allied-Dunbar, secured a record level of business in the first quarter, thanks notably to the surge of personal pension business.

Associated companies, particularly Imasco, AMATIL and Aracruz, are again expected to increase their contribution to Group earnings.

As I have mentioned, exchange rate changes do affect the Group's published results, and the current volatility in the sterling/dollar rate makes prediction impossible. Excluding exchange rate effects, I expect the Group to make further progress in pre-tax profits despite the substantial increase in net interest payable following the acquisition of Hambro Life. The rate of increase in attributable profits, however, is unlikely to be as high as has been achieved in the last few years. The Board expects to be able to recommend a dividend increase for 1985 which will be substantially in excess of the rate of inflation.





B·A·T INDUSTRIES

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

BAT healthy on smoking

B A T INDUSTRIES kept the hearts of widows, orphans and fund managers at yesterday's annual meeting. Though after five years of a compound 25 p.c. growth in net earnings the rate of growth at the net level may slow in 1985 the dividend is likely to be substantially in excess of inflation—encouraging enough news to lift the share price by 8p to 320p.

Having established its four pillars of wisdom—paper, retailing, financial services and tobacco—B A Ts is now out to grow where, and when it can. Whatever the social climate against smoking, tobacco interests remain its most profitable activity (contributing £698 million out of £1·47 billion of operating profit in 1984), this year West Germany will benefit from a price increase, and prospects for Brazilian leaf exports look good.

On the retailing front Argos is maintaining progress in sales and profits. Horten department stores in West Germany should improve and though trading in the United States remains competitive results from America should be as good as last year.

The year 1984 was certainly one of chops and changes, and though that process is still ongoing — Mardon Packaging International, over which B A T gained full control in 1979 by buying out Imperial's 50 p.c. stake for £87·8 million, is now up for sale—B A T's more closely defined areas can only help its following.

The area of particular promise is financial services, where by the turn of the century B A Ts aims to be a worldwide force, with America the probable next target.

Last year the group posted a pre-tax profit of £1·41 billion. This year £1·56 billion could be in sight, and though exchange rates will play havoc with forecasts, the overall message is that on a prospective price earnings ratio of 5·4 the shares are cheap.

American investors are obviously taking that view. A year ago they held 10 million shares. Today they hold 59 million, equivalent to 4 p.c.—and just remember what our American cousins did for I C I and Glaxo.

Micro out of focus

YOU REALLY have got to hand it to Micro Focus. It has managed to retain a sense of humour at a time of adversity.

Pre-tax profits for the 60 weeks to January 31 slumped from £2·8 million to £700,000, its shares collapsed by a historic 440p to 300p and yet the company has headlined its press release "Another year of growth for Micro Focus".

Wait a minute though, perhaps the group wasn't joking. Perhaps it really believes that a 125 p.c. increase in contracted revenue to £21 million can fully justify a bumper bundle of "funny" figures.

That contracted revenue figure included £6 million against £743,000 of deferred revenue which last minute change of heart by the auditors prevented from being translated into pre-tax profits.

The company claims that the contracts on which this deferred revenue figure were based are rock solid and given that it has an undeniably strong product base in COBOL-based software it could be right.

The market for software written in the COBOL language is vast, particularly in North America where all that deferred income arose.

But it was not just the pre-tax performance which knocked the share price for six yesterday. The accompanying balance sheet also made peculiar reading and gave strong backing to those who feel this company has a good deal to learn about financial control.

Cash in hand rose from £1·66 million to £7·9 million thanks to last summer's £9 million rights issue, but against that borrowings leapt from £890,000 to £7·47 million.

Most worrying of all though is the near threefold jump in debtors and prepayments, especially since the company has admitted its exposure to doubtful debts with a provision of £833,000.

Those debtors are matched by creditors of only £4·37 million against £2·6 million.

The market was confused by yesterday's events and current year forecasts of pre-tax profits range from nil to £8 million. If profits were to climb to £8 million the prospective earnings multiple now down to 10 times would prove a bargain.

However, the air has not cleared yet and experience says that any share price which has tumbled like this one is going to take a long time to win back stock market confidence. Be very careful!

Suitable CASE for growth

COMPUTER and Systems Engineering, C A S E to the market, is one of those fast moving targets which give analysts bad dreams.

But beneath all the distortions caused by merger accounting a very major acquisition, by a rights issue and a vendor placing, a clear message emerges: growth is coming through strongly.

On a comparable basis, pre-tax profits have increased from £7·25million to £10·5million in the year to March 31. Earnings per share have grown 34 p.c., neatly in line with the oft-mentioned ambition of 33 p.c. per annum.

The group's concentration on data communications systems, rather than on components, has allowed C A S E to keep its volumes moving ahead and its margins intact.

The acquisition of Rixon Inc. has opened the door to the United States market, and given the group the flexibility to manufacture in both the sterling and dollar areas making it less likely to be priced out of markets by currency movements.

Rixon is now being beefed up on the marketing side, a procedure which is causing substantial cost increases. The rewards, however, are confidently expected to follow.

In the current year, the United States should take over the running in the growth stakes, although the United Kingdom will still be moving ahead at an acceptable pace.

A pre-tax £15 million for the group is a reasonable target at this stage, which would equate to a 30 p.c. increase in earnings per share.

That puts the shares, 18p off at 272p yesterday, standing at 17 times earnings, a not unattractive rating for a company growing at 30 p.c. a year.

However, the other side of expansion is a steady need for capital, emphasised by the fact that, despite raising £47 million capital last year, net cash at the year end was down to £3 million.

The shares have gone nowhere since the rights issue in October, and will stay grounded until the market is sure another issue is not about to hit it. The hiatus will give investors an opportunity to buy.

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Austria	26·70 schilling
Belgium	76·85 francs
Canada	1·70 dollars
Denmark	13·82 kroner
Finland	8·05 markkaa
France	11·66 francs
Germany	3·82 marks
Greece	*161·00 drachma
Holland	4·32 guilders
Iceland	*48·00 kroner
Ireland	1·22½ punt
Israel	1,200 shekel
Italy	*2435 lira
Japan	315 yen
Malta	*0·582 pounds
New Zealand	2·77 dollars
Norway	11·05 kroner
Portugal	*208·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·90 rand
Spain	*211·00 pesetas
Sweden	11·08 kroner
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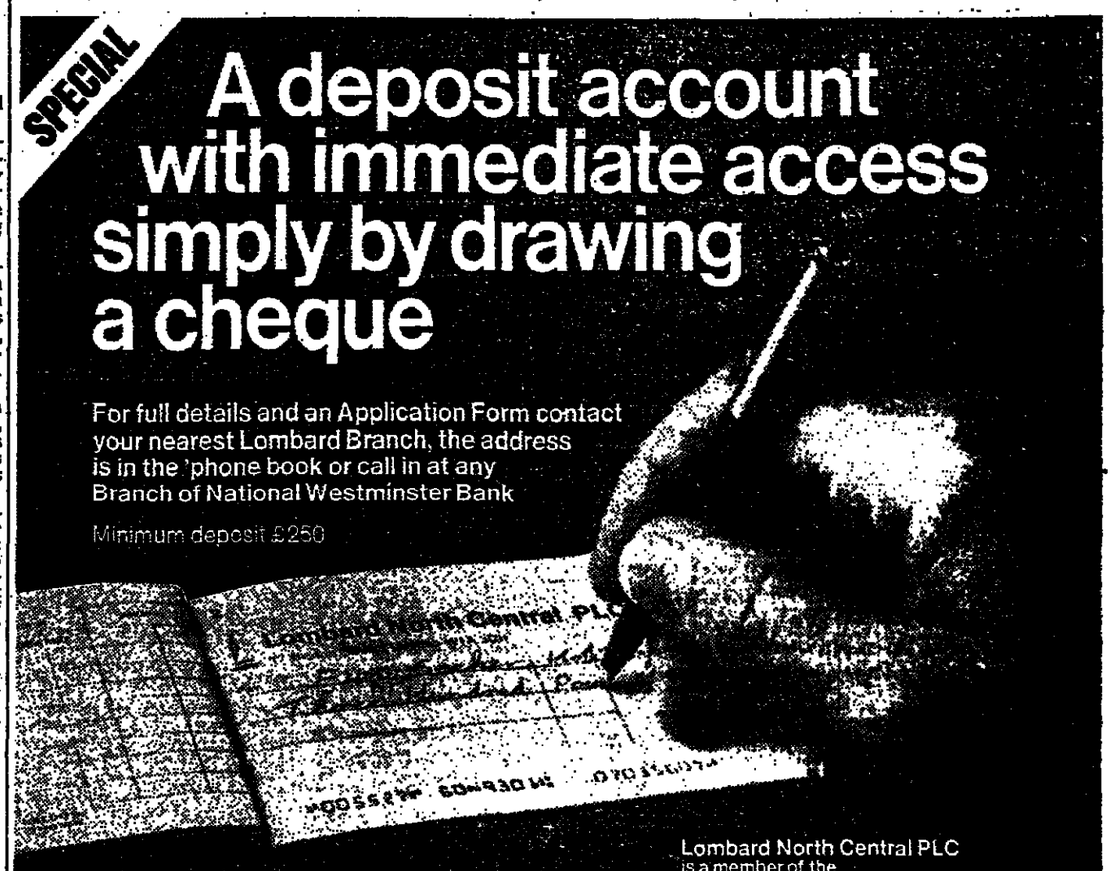

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Notice of Meeting

of Marine and General Mutual Life Assurance Society

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the MEMBERS that the 133rd Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing, West Sussex, on Wednesday 19th June 1985 at 12.30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1984.
2. To consider the election of directors.
   (i) The following directors retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
   (a) Lord Denman, C.B.E., M.C.
   (b) Sir David Woodbine Parish, C.B.E.
   (c) Mr. C. W. Pitman.
   (ii) Since the last Annual General Meeting the board appointed Mr. P. G. Hoadley a director. He now retires and offers himself for re-election.
3. To re-appoint KMG Thomson McLintock as auditors of the Society and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.
4. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:
   That as from the 1st July 1985, fees payable to each Director shall be at such rate not exceeding £7,500 per annum and proportionately for any lesser period than one year as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. In addition there shall be payable a sum not exceeding £20,000 per annum to be divided between the Chairmen and the Directors with special duties in such proportion and in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine.
5. Any other business.

By Order of the Directors,
J. SUTTON, Secretary
17 April 1985

Each member may attend and vote in person or by proxy at meetings of the Society. A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

C.E.Heath
Public Limited Company

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1985
(on the historical cost basis)

Operating profit exceeds £30 million for the first time

Insurance broking profit up 36%

Underwriting profit up 46%

Earnings per share increased by 65%

Dividend increased from 17.0p to 21.0p net

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

£	1984/85 £'000	1983/84 £'000
Turnover	58,808	49,421
Administrative Expenses	(51,271)	(42,815)
Investment/Other Income	25,112	17,015
Operating Profit	32,649	23,621
Exceptional Item	(2,531)	(4,480)
Taxation	(10,829)	(7,629)
Minority Interests	(127)	(27)
Net Profit available for Appropriation	19,162	11,485
Earnings per Share	61.0p	36.9p

Last year, provisions were made against a number of potentially irrecoverable amounts owed by insurers and intermediaries. Since they related to the Group's trading activities in the late 1970's and not from current operations, they were shown as an exceptional item. A further charge is necessary this year resulting from a reappraisal of the estimated provisions in respect of those situations and from the adverse movement in currency rates.

A final dividend of 15.0p per share has been recommended, equivalent to 21.4286p gross per share. The total gross distribution for the year is 30.0p per share (1983/84—24.2857p per share).

The Report and Accounts will be available on 11th June 1985 and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 1985.

16th May 1985 D. H. NEWTON, *Chairman*

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INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE BROKERS
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BP BRIEFING No.3: FIRST QUARTER RESULTS, 1985

Good start to 1985

Results

BP's first quarter 1985 profit is substantially higher than in any quarter in 1984–a continued strong performance.

Replacement cost profit after taxation and before extraordinary items increased over 20% compared with the same quarter last year to £402 million (50% on historical cost basis).

During the quarter, the strength of the dollar gave rise to a stock holding gain of more than £100 million, and as a consequence the Group's historical cost profit after taxation amounted to £515 million, some £164 million higher than in the fourth quarter of 1984. Of the total, £289 million was earned by BP excluding Sohio and £226 million by Sohio.

Fluctuations in oil prices and exchange rate parities will remain a significant feature of performance, particularly of the Group's historical cost profit.

Strong performance from upstream oil exploration and production dominated these results and refining and marketing activities showed a marked improvement from the depressed levels in the fourth quarter of last year.

The Group's asset management programme continued and resulted in two difficult decisions. First, Sohio recently decided to cease operations at the Bingham copper mine in Utah which were running at a loss at the rate of $40 million each quarter. Secondly, BP's UK refining and marketing company announced plans to discontinue main fuels processing at the Llandarcy refinery in the UK as part of the continuing restructuring of the refining and marketing business.

Key Financial Results	1985	1984
Group Profit after taxation and before extraordinary items	First Quarter	First Quarter
–Replacement Cost	£402m	£324m
–Historical Cost	£515m	£342m

Outlook

At the recent Annual General Meeting the Chairman, Sir Peter Walters, said that the business and economic environment in 1985 would be similar to 1984, but with the US economy slowing down. Competition would be likely to remain strong in major markets. Short-term management decisions would be particularly crucial to the Group's success because of the continuing volatility of exchange rate parities and uncertain oil prices.

BP's upstream oil and gas operations are the mainstay of its business. In January, the company was successful in obtaining acreage offered by auction in the 9th round of licensing in the UK sector of the North Sea. BP continues to be successful in finding oil and gas, but its official reported reserves cannot yet include the results of several recently announced successes.

BP also continues to invest heavily in technological innovation and improvement and R & D expenditure has increased four-fold since 1980. The recent Queen's Award for developing the Magnus Field was recognition of BP's success in this area. BP also sold its first licence for its linear low density polyethylene technology in the USA.

BP's liquid resources have continued to grow and at the end of 1984 stood at a level of about £2½ billion. There has been much speculation about how this will be spent. Sir Peter said that the accumulation of cash is part of positive strategy to increase the financial strength of the company for any downturn in the economic cycle and to allow the company to take advantage of opportunities for investment as they arise.

In shaping the future of the company, BP is convinced that size is not an end in itself. Value and return on capital employed are far more important. In addition to ongoing investments, BP is well positioned to take opportunities to enhance existing business through acquisitions which fit its strategy.

BP

Britain at its best

UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
1-3 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4 01-236 1833

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
149·9	121·7	Amer. Grth	132·6	141·1
54·6	48·6	Asian Pacific	50·6	65·8
115·6	107·1	General	107·5	115·0
78·0	71·8	High Inc. Eq.	73·3	*78·0
207·3	165·7	Japan	157·9	*168·8
61·2	55·5	U.S. Em. Co.	55·6	*59·5
118·6	112·5	Gilt & Fix Int.	109·5	115·9
175·0	154·4	W'ldwide Bd.	146·4	*155·7

AITKEN HUME FUNDS (MNGMT) LTD.
30 City Road, London EC1Y 2AY 01-628 6626

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
33·6	30·0	Small Co's Fd.	30·4	32·5
152·2	127·3	Pacific Fund	126·0	134·8
558·7	390·3	Exempt Fund	471·7	504·7
183·3	168·6	Special Sits. Fd	172·3	184·3
40·0	37·6	En'gy & Res. Fd	38·3	40·9
69·6	57·6	Am. Majors Fd	58·1	62·2
55·0	50·0	Intnl. Inc. Fd.	49·5	53·0
156·2	145·1	Secure Income Fund	146·0	156·2
80·7	65·4	Japanese Tech Fund	59·0	65·1
171·4	115·6	American Tech Fund	112·8	120·7

ALLIED UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Allied Hambro House, Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 211459 & 229123

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
187·1	163·0	First Trust	169·1	180·1
113·7	104·1	Growth & Inc's Tst.	106·8	*113·7
206·7	192·9	Capital Trust	194·1	*206·7
305·5	278·0	Balanced Trust	287·8	306·5
462·2	415·5	Accumulator Tst.	434·0	462·2
34·7	30·0	American Inc. Tst.	29·5	31·4
190·5	180·5	High Income Tst.	187·2	199·4
109·9	97·3	Equity Income Tst.	103·2	109·9
125·6	117·1	High Yield Tst.	116·0	*123·5
29·7	28·3	Governm't Secs. Tst	27·5	*28·7
75·8	64·6	International Tst.	61·8	65·8
77·1	60·2	Japan Tst.	59·4	64·1
141·3	118·2	Pacific Tst.	117·6	125·2
73·9	56·7	Am'n Spec. Sits. Tst	60·2	65·0
278·8	178·5	Secs. of America Tst	179·1	*193·4
179·5	159·8	Asset Value Tst.	168·6	179·5
35·2	31·2	Gilt Growth Tst.	30·9	*32·3
127·1	95·8	Smaller Co's Tst.	100·6	107·1
138·1	130·5	Sec. Smaller Co's Tst	129·4	137·8
61·9	54·1	Recovery Tst.	57·9	*61·7
109·3	92·8	Metal Mins. & Com. T.	94·3	*100·4
165·0	151·8	Overseas EarningsT.	155·3	165·4
121·6	84·9	Technology Tst.	80·5	*85·7

ANDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
131·8	126·1	AndersonGrthUnitT	119·2	127·4
28·7	27·3	AndersonInc.UnitT.	26·7	28·4

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES LIMITED
131 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY. 01-628 9876
Dealing Dept., 01-628 9991/2/3/4

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
55·6	50·9	Capital Growth	49·8	53·2
96·3	84·0	Commodity	82·0	*87·7
157·9	139·6	Commodity Accum.	136·8	*146·3
52·5	46·3	Com 10% Withdrawal	43·3	*46·3
119·6	97·6	Eastn & Intnational	98·4	105·1
66·5	54·9	Earn& Int 6% Wdrwl	54·2	57·9
51·7	44·4	Finance & Property	48·4	51·7
73·7	61·0	Foreign Grth.	60·0	64·1
46·9	45·1	Gilt & Fixed	42·2	*44·4
72·0	66·7	Gilt & Fixed Accum.	65·9	*69·3
61·1	57·1	High Income	57·0	*60·9
137·1	124·8	High Income Accum	127·7	*136·5
76·8	72·2	High Inc. 8% Withd.	71·3	*76·2
64·1	60·4	High Yield	59·9	64·0
155·7	145·2	High Yield Accum.	145·4	155·5
95·9	73·5	North American	73·0	78·0
27·4	25·8	Preference	25·7	27·4
80·6	74·6	Preference Accum	75·4	80·6
119·1	86·6	Smaller Companies	101·6	*108·6
116·3	[illegible]	Smaller Co's Accum.	108·5	*115·8

CANADA LIFE

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
97·0	89·2	Can. Life Gen. Dist.	91·9	96·8
147·9	134·7	Can. Life Gen. Acc.	140·3	147·6
66·6	60·8	Can. Life Inc. Dist.	58·9	*63·4
128·2	116·3	Can. Life Inc. Acc.	121·6	128·0

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx. HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
269·3	265·4	Income	255·7	268·9
147·6	108·4	Far East	117·4	*124·9
148·2	120·2	North American	119·3	*126·9
261·6	215·7	Growth	227·1	241·6

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB. 01-588 1815

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
00·0	00·0	Deposit %	—	12·7
336·90	320·75	Investment	—	333·65
131·65	129·70	Fixed Int	—	130·65

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB 01-588 1815

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
00·0	00·0	Deposit %	—	12·4
302·09	295·82	Income	—	298·77
849·33	829·80	Accumulation	—	845·46

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London EC2M 4TP 01-283 1963

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
20·9	18·3	Gilt & Fix. In.	19·2	20·6
44·4	41·7	High Income	41·3	44·2
45·4	40·6	Inc. & Grth.	40·6	43·4
40·0	35·0	Special	37·4	40·0
72·8	60·5	International	62·5	66·7
39·1	32·6	Global	32·0	34·2
55·8	44·9	American	41·5	44·5
25·4	19·9	Australian	21·1	22·6
79·4	60·8	Japan	59·6	63·9

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH (0272) 277719

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
31·9	28·2	General Equity	29·9	31·9
32·5	28·1	Equity High Inc.	30·5	32·5
26·2	24·3	Gilt & Fixd Int Gwth	24·1	25·7
26·2	24·4	Indexed Secs.	25·7	25·3

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
178·1	165·2	Growth Fund	169·2	178·1

CONTINENTAL LIFE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD.
64/70 High Street, Croydon CR0 9XN 0708 48322 (admin & dealing)

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·6	50·0	Growth Fd.	46·8	50·6

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
241·4	224·3	Capital Trust	226·6	*241·0
56·9	49·3	Energy	49·3	52·4
133·5	124·4	Extra Income	123·8	*131·6
108·1	93·0	Financial Trust	101·7	108·1
53·9	51·8	Gilt Strategy	51·8	*53·4
239·3	224·2	Growth Invest. Tst.	224·9	239·2
116·7	98·2	Income Trust	100·8	107·2
94·4	78·0	Japanese&Pac.Gwth	78·1	83·0
104·2	87·4	North Am. Grth Trst	86·3	*91·8
152·9	140·8	Portfolio Invest. Fd.	148·1	152·9
105·5	95·8	Recovery Trust	98·3	104·5
160·1	141·8	Smaller Companies	150·6	160·1

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking. GU21 1XW (04862) 24933

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
182·7	168·6	Crown High Inc. Tst	170·4	182·2
183·1	167·6	Crown Growth Trust	170·8	182·7
137·3	105·7	Crown AmericanTst.	111·9	119·7

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.

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LONDON LIFE
180 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272-279178

1985 High	1985 Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		Assurances		
138·1	127·6	Equity	—	138·1
198·1	173·5	Fixed Int	—	198·7
202·1	197·2	Property	—	202·1
156·2	150·9	Deposit	—	156·2
265·6	234·5	Mixed	—	265·6
119·3	112·3	Index Stock	—	119·3
194·0	188·0	International	—	194·1
		Pensions		
256·5	224·5	Equity (P)	—	256·5
201·1	198·2	Fixed Int. (P)	—	199·5
147·9	144·5	Property (P)	—	147·9
141·6	136·2	Deposit (P)	—	141·6
201·5	196·5	Mixed (P)	—	201·5
194·0	188·0	Index Stock (P)	—	194·1
129·4	125·2	International (P)	—	129·4

M & G GROUP PLC
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588.

208·5	197·2	American Bonds	170·2	179·2
202·7	207·3	American Sec Bonds	219·4	230·1
114·6	93·6	Amers Smlr Co's Bd	96·7	101·6
128·2	120·1	Australasian Bds	112·6	118·4
155·8	144·4	Commodity Bds	147·6	155·2
205·7	200·8	Deposit Bonds	189·6	199·5
181·9	174·4	Equity Bonds-Roll	192·4	202·4
92·8	86·5	Equity Bonds-Acc	408·6	429·9
252·3	238·7	Extra Yield Bonds	236·5	248·9
146·8	139·2	Far Eastern Bonds	132·5	139·1
212·7	151·1	Gilt Bonds	146·2	153·8
108·9	98·8	Gold Bonds	101·2	106·5
175·5	165·9	High Yield Bonds	158·3	166·6
114·4	107·9	Index-Linked Bds	108·6	114·3
251·5	229·8	Index-Linked Bds	168·6	177·5
165·4	138·6	International Bonds	154·7	162·8
152·1	115·2	Japan Bonds	137·1	144·2
115·5	109·2	Japan Smlr Co's Bds	110·0	115·8
109·5	103·4	Managed Bonds	338·8	356·6
289·5	273·6	Property Bonds	254·6	267·5
204·5	178·6	Recovery Bonds	156·0	164·2
567·0	520·0	Family Bond Acc	—	567·0
		Pension Funds		
963·6	865·0	Personal Pen Fd	—	963·6
583·9	533·5	American	347·7	365·8
115·5	108·1	Building Soc	107·6	113·2
187·0	170·4	Equity	170·4	179·4
245·2	221·6	Managed	221·6	233·2
203·7	201·1	Gilt	202·5	213·2
118·2	111·4	Gold	98·0	103·1
117·5	108·0	Index-Linked Gilt	114·1	120·0
137·4	127·4	International	127·4	134·0
132·4	124·6	Japan	111·0	116·8
134·5	124·2	Managed	123·6	130·0
187·0	176·2	Property	158·4	166·6
157·9	152·2	Recovery	152·2	157·9

MGM ASSURANCE
MGM House, Heene Rd., Worthing. 0903-39465.

152·2	138·5	U.K. Equity Acc	154·6	162·8
152·4	138·6	Special Sits Acc	152·8	160·3
152·4	139·2	N/A American Acc	152·8	160·5
197·1	168·9	Pacific Basin Acc	189·1	198·1
182·9	163·7	Fixed Int Acc	172·5	181·4
119·1	111·0	Property Acc	115·2	121·2
152·5	137·6	Deposit Acc	139·7	146·9
153·2	138·1	Managed Acc	144·9	152·5

MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO (U.K.)
St George's Way, Stevenage 0438-356161

206·6	197·6	Managed	200·7	207·6
202·4	202·4	Property	197·7	208·7
100·0	100·0	Gilt Edged	100·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Deposit	100·0	100·0
241·4	230·0	International	241·4	254·5
134·3	134·3	Equivalent	127·7	134·1
		Pension Fund Prices		
205·2	197·6	Managed Init	—	205·2
202·4	202·4	Managed Acc	—	202·6
100·0	100·0	Property Init	—	100·0
241·4	230·0	Property Acc	—	241·4
134·3	134·3	Equity Init	—	134·3
134·1	127·7	Equity Acc	—	134·1
		Gilt Edged Init	—	100·0
		Gilt Edged Acc	—	100·0
		Guaranteed Init	—	153·8
		Guaranteed Acc	—	149·1
		International Init	—	128·2
		International Acc	—	128·2
		Index Link Gilt Init	—	100·0
		Index Link Gilt Acc	—	100·0

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASS. CO LTD
Leon House, 233 High Street, Croydon CR9 1LP. 01-686 9171

205·1	200·1	Property Life Fund	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	Property Pens	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	Prop. Equity Life	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	Equity Pens Fd	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	UK Money Mkt Life Fd	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	UK Money Mkt Pen Fd	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	UK Managed Life Fd	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	UK Managed Pen Fd	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	N. American Life Fd	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	N. American Pen Fd	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	Far East Life Fund	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	Far East Pen. Fund	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	Int. Man. Life Fund	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	Int. Man. Pens. Fund	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	Int Equity Life Fund	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	Int Equity Pen Fund	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	Int Currency Life Fd	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	Int. Currency Pen Fd	—	224·4
205·1	200·1	Deposit Life Fund	—	205·1
224·4	219·0	Deposit Pension Fund	—	224·4

MUNICIPAL LIFE ASSURANCE, LTD
99/100, Sandling Rd., Maidstone, Kent 0622 678291

1985 High	1985 Low	Name	Bid	Offer
151·5	126·5	Acc. Mngd	134·0	141·8
120·6	116·8	Initial Mngd	115·0	121·2
156·8	137·5	Accum. Equity	138·5	145·9
122·5	111·0	Initial Equity	111·0	116·9
124·5	119·0	Acc. Intnl	119·5	125·8
118·6	111·0	Initial Intnl	111·0	116·9
124·0	99·5	Acc Property	100·5	105·8
124·0	99·5	Initial Property	100·5	105·8
114·0	100·4	Acc Managed	100·4	105·7
112·5	105·0	Initial Mngd	105·0	110·6
114·0	119·5	Pens Acc Mngd	119·5	125·8
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119·6	108·5	Pens Acc Mngd	108·5	114·2

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138·6	127·5	Scott & American	130·1	136·7
139·5	128·6	Pensions Managed	131·5	138·2
120·4	105·8	Pensions UK Equity	108·6	114·1
115·5	106·3	Pens./European Equit	108·6	114·1
119·5	110·0	Pensions Property	111·5	117·2
105·5	97·0	Pens. Fixed Interest	98·1	103·1
103·5	95·2	Pensions Index Link	96·3	101·2
103·3	95·0	Pensions Deposit	96·0	100·9

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202·5	202·5	UK Equity	202·5	213·2
100·0	100·0	Overseas Equity	100·0	105·3
100·0	100·0	American	100·0	105·3
100·0	100·0	Pacific	100·0	105·3
100·0	100·0	Property	100·0	105·3
100·0	100·0	Fixed Int	100·0	105·3
100·0	100·0	Balanced Gilt	100·0	105·3
100·0	100·0	Deposit	100·0	105·3
		Pension Fund Prices		
220·4	208·2	Managed Initial	208·2	219·3
207·5	207·5	Managed Acc	207·5	218·5
204·2	204·2	UK Equity Initial	204·2	215·0
271·4	271·4	UK Equity Acc	271·4	271·4
203·9	203·9	Overseas Eq. Initial	203·9	214·7
271·5	271·5	Overseas Eq. Acc	271·5	271·5
239·5	239·5	American Initial	239·5	252·1
201·6	201·6	American Acc	201·6	201·6
209·2	209·2	Far East Initial	209·2	220·2
209·2	209·2	Far East Acc	209·2	209·2
116·2	112·7	Property Initial	112·7	118·5
209·5	195·2	Property Acc	195·2	205·5
124·5	124·5	Fixed Int Initial	124·5	131·1
174·6	165·8	Fixed Int Acc	165·8	174·6
102·8	102·8	Indexed Gilt Initial	102·8	108·2
111·5	111·5	Indexed Gilt Acc	111·5	117·4
115·7	115·7	Deposit Initial	115·7	121·8
136·8	130·7	Deposit Acc	130·7	137·6

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365·1	326·7	Managed Fund	338·9	365·1
610·3	581·9	Equity Fund	610·05	610·05
208·4	208·4	Property Fund	208·4	219·4
207·5	206·8	Fixed Interest Fund	206·8	217·6
168·4	168·0	Deposit Fund	170·0	178·9
109·8	99·7	International Fd	99·2	104·1
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205·0	192·4	Fixed Interest Fund	191·1	201·1
586·6	574·2	UK Ordinary Share Fd	570·8	584·6
145·5	140·0	Property Fund	140·0	147·4
140·3	134·9	Deposit Fund	135·0	140·3
151·2	138·6	Index-Linked Sec. Fd	139·7	147·0
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Pension Fund Funds				
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120·5	99·4	UK Equity Acc	104·8	110·3
104·6	98·1	International Acc	91·6	96·4
102·0	100·0	Property Acc	97·5	102·6
102·6	98·9	Fixed Interest Acc	92·4	97·2
100·8	100·0	Money Acc	95·1	100·0
105·5	98·6	Equity Soc. Life Acc	99·5	105·5
105·3	99·4	Special Mngd. Acc	100·1	105·3
Phoenix/FramRegton				
106·8	95·1	Intnl. Grth. Acc	95·5	97·1
102·7	94·1	American & Gen Acc	96·5	97·5
111·6	100·0	Capital Tst. Acc	107·2	112·8
110·4	91·1	Japan & Gen. Acc	91·1	96·1
100·2	95·9	American Grth. Acc	95·9	95·6
111·0	100·0	Recovery Tst. Acc	104·6	106·9
109·2	98·9	Special Mngd. Acc	98·6	103·1
Phoenix/GT				
106·8	95·1	International Acc	90·8	95·6
106·8	99·5	US & General Acc	94·0	98·9
107·1	93·5	Technol. & Grth. Acc	93·5	98·3
106·3	95·7	Japan & General Acc	95·9	98·3
106·0	95·7	Far East & Gen. Acc	95·5	98·3
111·8	99·5	UK Capital Acc	103·4	110·9
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168·2	161·4	Equity Ord	159·2	167·6
158·3	151·6	Equity Init	149·8	157·7
102·2	98·4	Index Link Gilt Ord	97·0	102·1
102·2	98·4	Index Link Gilt Init	96·8	101·9
118·3	113·3	O'seas Equity Ord	111·9	117·8
118·3	113·3	O'seas Equity Init	111·9	117·8
117·7	112·7	Property Ord	111·4	117·3
117·7	112·7	Property Init	111·4	117·3
102·1	98·2	Fixed Interest Ord	96·8	101·9
102·1	98·2	Fixed Interest Init	96·6	101·7
115·7	111·1	Deposit Ord	109·6	115·4
115·7	111·1	Deposit Init	109·4	115·2
118·5	113·5	Pen Managed Ord	111·9	117·8
118·5	113·5	Pen Managed Init	111·7	117·6
118·5	113·5	Pen Equity Ord	111·9	117·8
118·5	113·5	Pen Equity Init	111·7	117·6
118·5	113·5	Pen Property Ord	111·4	117·3
118·5	113·5	Pen Property Init	111·2	117·1
118·5	113·5	Pen Fixed Int Ord	111·4	117·3
118·5	113·5	Pen Fixed Int Init	111·2	117·1
118·5	113·5	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Ord	111·4	117·3
118·5	113·5	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Init	111·2	117·1
118·5	113·5	Pen Deposit Ord	111·4	117·3
118·5	113·5	Pen Deposit Init	111·2	117·1

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210·6	191·0	International Fund	189·4	199·4
198·5	167·6	Special Situ Fund	180·1	189·5
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216·6	198·2	Property Fund	214·6	225·6
225·3	208·2	American Acc	208·2	219·0
219·0	219·0	Far East Initial	219·0	230·5
230·5	230·5	Far East Acc	230·5	242·4
116·2	112·7	Property Initial	112·7	118·5
209·5	195·2	Property Acc	195·2	205·5
124·5	124·5	Fixed Int Initial	124·5	131·1
174·6	165·8	Fixed Int Acc	165·8	174·6
102·8	102·8	Indexed Gilt Initial	102·8	108·2
111·5	111·5	Indexed Gilt Acc	111·5	117·4
115·7	115·7	Deposit Initial	115·7	121·8
136·8	130·7	Deposit Acc	130·7	137·6

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1189·0	1141·2	Agric. Fund (A)	1181·7	—
282·3	255·7	Abbey Nat. Fund	281·3	—
289·7	274·4	Abbey Nat Fd. (A)	289·7	—
151·7	135·3	Investment Fund	150·8	—
150·1	151·9	Investment Fd. (A)	150·2	—
280·3	280·3	Equity Fund	280·4	—
253·7	253·7	Equity Fund (A)	251·8	—
263·0	263·0	Money Fund	263·0	—
257·5	257·5	Money Fund (A)	257·5	—
259·5	259·5	Actuarial Fund	259·5	—
259·7	259·7	Actuarial Fund	259·7	—
206·1	195·7	Gilt-Edged Fund	205·1	—
206·1	195·7	Gilt Edged Fd (A)	205·7	—
397·5	368·7	Retire Annuity	396·8	—
100·0	100·0	Immediate Ann'ty	100·0	—
115·9	109·6	Professional Fund	115·9	—
114·8	111·5	Indexed Gilt Acc	111·5	—
114·8	111·5	Deposit Initial	111·5	—
118·5	114·8	Bld. Soc Life Fd	118·8	—

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357·7	338·3	Gov. Fd. Dis	338·3	—
356·7	338·3	Pension Fd. Dis	338·3	—
356·8	341·5	Conv. Pns. Fd	338·8	—
353·6	344·6	Cnv. Pns. Cap. Ul	353·6	—
437·5	406·9	Man. Pens. Fd	406·9	—
437·5	406·9	Man. Pens. Cap. Dis	406·9	—
336·0	317·6	Prop. Pens. Fd	336·0	—
253·8	237·5	Prop. Pens. Cap. Fd	253·8	—
336·0	291·5	Bldg. Soc. Pen. Ul	336·0	—
215·5	215·4	Bldg. Soc. Cap. Ul	215·5	—
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208·3	202·6	Deposit (4)	205·2	215·1
208·4	200·1	Equity (4)	204·8	215·6
205·5	176·1	European (4)	202·5	213·2
205·4	204·8	Fixed Int. (4)	203·8	214·5
208·4	204·8	Income Dist. (4)	203·8	214·5
208·4	204·8	Income Gro. (4)	203·8	214·5
208·4	204·8	International (4)	201·7	212·4
208·2	200·4	Managed (4)	203·4	214·1
208·2	200·4	Property (4)	203·2	213·9
208·2	200·4	Singapore & Malay(4)	194·5	204·7
274·4	274·4	Sterling Co's (4)	274·4	288·8
245·6	178·0	Tokyo (4)	232·6	244·8
208·2	208·2	U.K. Equity (4)	204·8	215·6
208·2	208·2	Deposit Pension (C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	Equity Pensions (C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	Inter-Lnk.Gilt P.(C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	International Pens(C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	Managed Pension (C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	Property Pen. (C)	208·2	219·1
208·2	208·2	Spec. Sit Pen. (C)	208·2	219·1

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247·5	247·5	Fixed Interest	236·2	247·5
297·8	297·8	Equity	284·2	297·8
263·4	263·4	International	194·5	204·8
198·7	198·7	Property	189·6	199·5
178·2	178·2	Index Link Gilt Fd	170·0	178·9
147·6	147·6	Exempt Man. Fd. Acc	140·8	148·1
147·6	147·6	Exempt Man. Fd. Inc	140·8	148·1
147·6	147·6	Exempt Eq. Fd. (L)	140·8	148·1
147·6	147·6	Exempt Int. Fd. Acc	140·8	148·1
147·6	147·6	Exempt Int. Fd. Inc	140·8	148·1
147·6	147·6	Exempt Prop. Fd.	140·8	148·1
147·6	147·6	Exempt Cash Fund	140·8	148·1

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219·7	219·7	Equity	202·1	213·1
208·8	208·8	Fixed Int.	194·4	205·0
208·4	208·4	Property	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Index Linked	194·8	205·4
208·4	208·4	American	192·6	203·1
208·4	208·4	Pacific	195·7	206·3
208·4	208·4	European	194·4	205·0
208·4	208·4	International	189·3	199·6
208·4	208·4	Managed (4)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Property (4)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Singapore & Malay(4)	194·5	205·1
208·4	208·4	Sterling Co's (4)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Tokyo (4)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	U.K. Equity (4)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Deposit Pension (C)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Equity Pensions (C)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Managed Pension (C)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Property Pen. (C)	208·4	219·8
208·4	208·4	Spec. Sit Pen. (C)	208·4	219·8

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115·8	111·4	U.K. Equity	111·4	117·4
103·2	101·5	American	102·6	108·7
130·5	107·5	Pacific	105·7	111·4
138·4	116·5	European	116·4	122·6
138·7	138·9	International	138·9	146·4
106·7	101·1	Fixed Int.	99·3	104·6
110·8	104·6	Index Linked	101·2	106·6
107·4	104·6	Deposit	104·6	110·2
114·8	111·4	Pens Property	109·1	115·0
140·8	132·9	Pens U.K. Equity	132·9	140·0
124·8	120·0	Pens American	121·6	128·1
130·9	123·5	Pens Pacific	124·7	131·4
151·9	150·2	Pens European	151·2	159·4
147·1	139·7	Pens International	139·6	147·1
108·5	101·7	Pens Fixed Int.	101·0	107·3
118·2	118·5	Pens Index Linked	118·5	124·8
113·8	107·9	Pens Deposit	107·1	112·8
125·1	118·3	Pens Managed	118·6	125·1

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134·3	126·0	Equity	127·5	134·3
147·2	153·6	International	116·6	123·0
116·8	109·8	Property	110·9	116·8
128·6	120·6	Fixed Int.	101·6	107·0
108·8	108·2	Index Linked	99·7	105·1
108·3	108·4	Cash	103·7	108·3
119·3	114·4	Pen Mixed Init	112·1	118·1
124·4	116·8	Pen Mixed Ord	114·6	120·6
134·6	126·4	Pen Equity Initial	127·5	134·3
141·0	132·7	Pen Equity Ord	129·8	141·9
109·1	102·3	Pen Intl Initial	102·1	107·6
155·5	157·6	Pen Intl Ord	102·1	107·6
111·8	109·4	Pen Prop Init	109·1	114·9
121·6	111·5	Pen Prop Ord	111·5	121·5
109·1	108·7	Pen Fix Int Init	101·5	106·9
114·8	105·4	Pen Fix Int Ord	105·5	111·0
109·8	98·4	Pen Cash Init	98·4	103·6
110·7	103·1	Pen Ld. Ord	101·6	107·0
109·1	105·8	Pen Cash Init	105·5	109·1
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EVERTON NEAR TO HISTORIC TRIPLE CROWN

By DENIS LOWE

HOWARD KENDALL and Kevin Ratcliffe, manager and captain of an outstanding team that has already claimed two major trophies, will today join forces at a Buckinghamshire hotel to plot last-minute detail of Everton's bid for the third stage of a unique treble — tomorrow's F A Cup final against Manchester United.

Ron Atkinson and his players will try very hard not to be over-impressed but Everton's clear cut 3-1 victory over Rapi dVienna to bring home the European Cup-Winners' Cup has left Kendall's men brimming with confidence for their Wembley task.

"Two weeks ago I told my players that we needed to win just three games to win the treble, and now it's certainly within our graph after taking the First Division title and the Cup Winners Cup," said Kendall.

"This team no longer surprises me. They take big matches in their stride and we are only 90 minutes away from achieving football history."

Ratcliffe, a power in the Welsh defence in recent internationals, reminds United that Everton's players stressed their determination to retain the F A Cup before the third round victory at Leeds last January.

Tougher match

"There's no problem in motivating the side for Wembley as we all appreciate the importance of this last big game in a long, hard season," said Ratcliffe. "I have already had the honour of receiving two trophies and we are out to complete a hat-trick.

"Obviously, we expect a much tougher match against United, a very fine side, than we had against Rapid Vienna. We can't wait to get started."

Kendall, who last night attended the Football Writers' Association dinner in London when Everton's goalkeeper, Neville Southall received the Footballer of the Year award, meets up with his players this afternoon and will field the successful European side at Wembley.

"We don't have any injuries, just a few knocks and bruises, and I will decide which player gets the substitute's job on Saturday morning," added the Goodison manager.

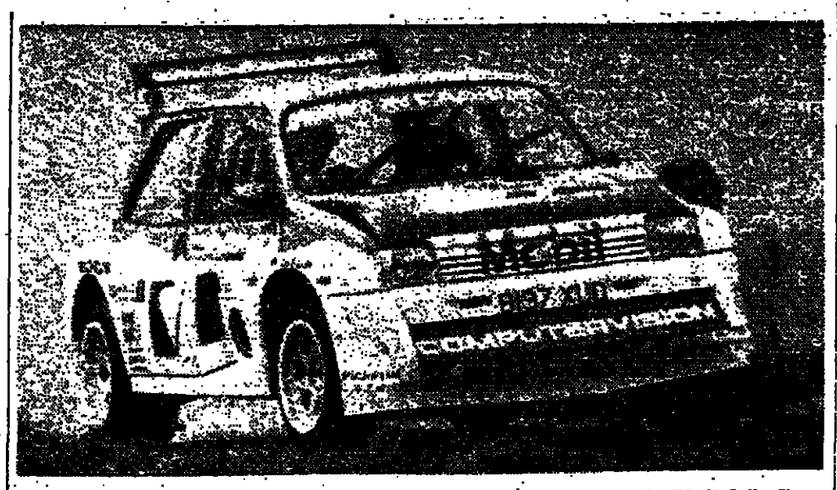
The versatile Alan Harper, who can play at full back, central defence or in midfield, is expected to be preferred to midfielder Kevin Richardson for the No. 12 shirt.

Looking back on the Rotterdam win which gave Everton their first European trophy, Kendall pointed out: "The team has given many memorable displays this season but in terms of sheer all-round professionalism, that performance has to be very high on our honours list.

"I can't praise the players enough, and their character showed through when they went straight up field after Kranki scored for the Austrians late on, and Sheedy rammed in a decisive third goal.

"We started off the campaign as novices in European competition, and the side has matured astonishingly quickly.

Kevin Ratcliffe, the Everton captain . . . "it's been a long, hard season."



Austin Rover return to top-flight rallying this year with the M G Metro 6 R 4 (above). Two or three cars will be entered for the R A C Rally of Great Britain in November, Tony Pond leading the driving team in preparation for a major assault on the World Rally Championship in 1986.

Not since the halcyon days of the Mini-Coopers in the 1960s have Austin Rover had a top-class contender. John Davenport, the company's director of motor sports, said yesterday: "Our task, quite simply, was to develop the best rally car with which Austin Rover could bring the World Rally Championship to Britain."

The 1986 programme will start with the Monte Carlo Rally, an event which the Mini won for the third time in 1967. The M G Metro 6 R 4 develops three times as much power and drive is taken through all four wheels.

It has aerodynamic wings mounted at the front and rear, and the raucous, normally aspirated V6 engine develops 400 horsepower.

Close encounters of Welsh kind at Wembley

By ROGER MALONE

TOMORROW'S F A Cup final will feature an intriguing battle between three outstanding contributors to the bright new force that Wales have become in the World Cup.

The Wembley result could hinge on who comes out best when Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe and Neville Southall compete in inevitably numerous confrontations with Manchester United's Mark Hughes.

These three, together with Liverpool's marksman Ian Rush, have emerged as the world-class men in a Welsh side which in recent months has beaten Scotland and Spain, and leads Group Seven on the road to Mexico.

They have come to rely on and admire each other in the red shirt of Wales, and know their compatriots' game inside out. Tomorrow, though, they will try "to turn each other inside out."

For good measure, Hughes will come up against another international team-mate but hardly a fellow-Welshman, Pat Van Den Huwe, Everton's eBlgin-born left-back who gained his first cap against Spain.

In many ways, the Cup final boils down to Everton's machine-like team work and arguably the best defence in the land, against United's attacking potential. Hughes, United's 25-goal leading scorer, is the spearhead in that respect.

Astonishing progress

Hughes, 21, who has made astonishing progress in his first regular season in Division One, is under no illusions about his task. He describes Southall as "the best goalkeeper in the League" and Ratcliffe as "the quickest of all the centre-backs I have seen."

For their part, Ratcliffe, Wales' and Everton's captain, and Southall are full of admiration for Hughes' contributions to the defeats of the Scots and the Spaniards when the sturdy Ruabon-born raider positively shocked the opposition.

Ratcliffe and Southall realise that Hughes is not only a dangerous scorer, as his stupendous bicycle-kick goal against Spain proved. The lad is also a maker of goals for team-mates, with skilfull twists and turns, and probing runs — but then so are other fine players, many of them in this final.

The capacity which makes Hughes different to other forwards — and which Ratcliffe in particular will need to combat tomorrow — is his getting the ball when it appears to be the opposition's.

Hughes tackles defenders unlike most forwards who will tell you their biggest problem is being knocked about by "hard men." He puts the boot on the other foot—especially on the big occasions which gets his Celtic blood up.

Hughes gave Scotland's Willie McLeish such a battering that a loose ball resulted for Rush to drive home the winning goal. He then "sorted out" the Spaniards to such an extent that their manager, Miguel Munoz, complained about Hughes' abrasiveness instead of joining the football world's admiration for his wonderful goal.

Hughes increased his fire in the last two World Cup games when Wales had to win or forget Mexico. He was more abrasive than he is in the First Division and it will be interesting to observe if tomorrow's occasion has the same effect on this striker with legs like tree trunks.

Hughes' favourite film star is Charles Bronson—"he's a really cool cucumber," he says. So are Ratcliffe and Southall, and the outcome of Welsh versus Welsh could become a very tasty part of what tomorrow's final is going to be all about.

Mark Hughes . . . has great respect for his compatriots in the Everton team.

Woodward job in Australia

Clive Woodward, the British Lions, England and Leicester centre three-quarter, has been offered a business transfer by his employers to Australia for a post that would be available two years, writes John Mason.

He has visited Australia recently and is likely to accept—and wants to continue playing—probably for Manly, the club which is coached by Alan Jones, who also has charge of the national team.

Paul Dodge, England's captain who plays for Leicester, said in New Zealand yesterday: "If Clive leaves the Tigers, we shall miss him greatly. I do know that he's been in Australia recently and that he's anxious to move business-wise and domestically."

Meanwhile, Woodward's wife Helenwas yesterday put on a shortlist of five reserves for England's hockey tour of New Zealand and Australia on Aug. 24-Sept. 24.

Rugby Union

Huntsman in pursuit of Test place

By JOHN MASON in Kawakawa

PAUL HUNTSMAN, a schoolmaster who teaches in Skipton, has the first chance to solve England's problems at loosehead prop when he plays against North Auckland at Okare Park Stadium, Whangarei, tomorrow.

In England's 10 international since March 1984 six players have been capped on the left-hand side of the front row, of whom two have normally played on the other side of the scrum. Now Huntsman, 28, of Headingley, is summoned.

Yesterday at Kawakawa, a farming community 54 miles north-west of Whangarei, the choice of Huntsman for the opening game of England's seven-match tour of New Zealand was belatedly confirmed during training at the local club.

It was difficult to decide who was more pleased—Huntsman, who teaches physical education, or the Maori president of United Kawakawa R.F.C. who was delighted England were training at his club. Kawakawa's population is about 1,600.

England's much-changed sequence of looseheads begins with Colin White, whose sterling run was ended by Paul Rendall (Wasps), who played against Wales in March the season before last. Malcolm Preedy (Gloucester) succeeded Rendall after one match.

Blakeway switch

Back came Rendall, also for one match, to be followed by Gareth Chilcott (Bath), who gave way immediately to Phil Blakeway, of Gloucester, who was brought across from tighthead for four matches, beginning with Rumania last January.

Then Blakeway, having been chosen for this tour of New Zealand, retired suddenly on medical grounds and Austin Sheppard (Bristol), who, like Preedy, is on tour, took over against Wales in Cardiff last month. That duty accomplished, Sheppard becomes a tighthead again.

Now Huntsman, who played for Maidenhead and Berkshire during student days at Reading before joining Wasps, gets the job he has carried out with sturdy efficiency for Headingley, Yorkshire and the North.

Jamie Salmon, the Englishman who won three caps for the All Blacks in 1981 before returning home, also makes his first appearance in an England touring side, a responsibility which, like that confronting John Goodwin (Moseley), the new left wing, should bring caps in a fortnight's time.

Harrison injury

Mike Harrison (Wakefield), a wing, was the only member of the 26-strong party not considered for selection. He has a groin strain after slipping on rain-sodden turf during training on Wednesday. But he expects to be fit for Wednesday's match against Poverty Bay at Gisborne.

England's selection, mysteriously delayed, though it was obvious from Wednesday's training what the likely team would be—and which I offered in these columns yesterday—sticks closely to the side that completed the five nations' season.

Of those available here only Sheppard has been left out—and Derek Morgan, the manager, confirmed yesterday at Kawakawa, that Sheppard was not considered as a loosehead for this selection.

The accent yesterday was on scrummaging, with particular reference to the new experimental laws that require forwards not to pack with heads below their hips—requirements which also apply to rucks and mauls. To secure guidance, England's management have spoken to senior local referees.

Lawrence in charge

Keith Lawrence, who had charge of two Lions matches in New Zealand two years ago, will referee tomorrow's match, for which North Auckland, despite a glowing reputation in other seasons, are not expected to extend confident visitors.

Having finished seventh in the Nationwide First Division last winter North Auckland, who include four of the team beaten by the Lions in 1983, crashed to ignominious defeat by Auckland B in a warm-up match last week.

ENGLAND.—C. R. Martin (Bath); S. T. Smith (Wasps), F. W. Dodge (Leicester, capt.), J. L. B. Salmon (Harlequins), J. Goodwin (Moseley); S. Barnes (Bristol), N. D. Melville (Wasps); P. Rendall (Rosslyn Park), G. R. Preedy (Gloucester), C. S. Pearce (Northampton), J. Orwin (Gloucester), W. A. Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers). Replacements: I. R. Metcalfe (Moseley), G. H. Davies (Wasps), R. J. Hill (Bath), A. Sheppard (Bristol), A. W. Simpson (Sale), M. C. Teague (Gloucester).

CASH SHORTFALL FOR SAUNDERS

Ron Saunders, Birmingham City's manager, was upset yesterday after learing that the promoted second division club's Board of Directors is not giving him the financial backing he wanted.

He wanted a large cash injection, believed to be in excess of £500,00, to boost his squad, but the money the directors have offered falls far short. They review the position again next month.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP.—CONCACAF Qualif. Zone: Grp 2, 2nd Rd: United States 2, Trinidad & Tobago 1 (at Lisle, Mercurit). Grp 3, 2nd Rd: Guatemala 4, Haiti 0 (Guatemala City).

FRIENDLY INTNAL. — Colombia 1, Brazil 0 (Bogota).

CENTRAL LGE.—Div 1: Coventry 2, Blackburn 3.—Derby 4, Liverpool 3.—Birmingham 2, Barnsley 3.

FRIENDLYS.—British Police 1, Fulham 11.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Reading 1, Ipswich 2.—Swindon 1, Millwall 0.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION MATCH.—Div 3: Man Utd 2, Div 2: York 0, Sheffield'sday 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE.—Hendon 6, Brog Parnel 0.—Brentwood 0, Edmonton 2.

FRIENDLY. — Chelsea 5, Glasgow Rangers 1.

SCHOOLS INTNAL. — U-15: Victory shield: Wales 3, England 3 (Swansea).

BELL TROPHY. — Regional Final: Surrey v Essex (Imber Court, 6.30).

TODAY'S SOCCER

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

CANON LEAGUE—Div. I

Ipswich v West Ham .....
Liverpool v Watford .....
Stoke v Coventry .....
Tottenham v Notts F. .....

DIVISION III

Gillingham v Wigan .....
Swansea v Bristol C. .....

DIVISION IV

Aldershot v Rochdale .....

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY. — Southern Final: Brentford v Newport (7.45).

CENTRAL LGE. — Div 1: Derby v Sheffield W. (7). Div II: Wigan v Doncaster (7).

FOOTBALL COMB. — Charlton v Swansea (2) — Millwall v Ipswich (2) — Watford v Q.P.R.

HELLENIC LGE. — Premier Div: Didcot T. v Sharpness (6.45). —

SCHOOLS. — Esso Trophy Final: Croydon v N. Sussex (Selhurst Park, 7.15).

ATKINSON LIFTS CLOUDS

By MICHAEL CALVIN

MANCHESTER UNITED, preparing for one of the most eagerly awaited F A Cup finals of recent years, were reminded of their wider responsibilities to football last night.

Ron Atkinson's admiration for the achievemens of Everton cofirmed by their conclusive Cup Winners' victory in Rotterdam, has hardened his conviction that Wembley will provide an exciting alternative to the game's problems.

The tragic events of Bradford and the sickeningly familiar scenes of violence at Birmingham on the last Saturday of the League season have overshadowed the build-up.

"Last weekend was one of the most depressing in the history of the game," reasoned the United manager. "The game needs a lift, and we have two teams who can provide it.

Strong feelings

"It goes without saying that there are very good, even great players on either side. We both feel we can exploit one another, and that should lead to something special."

United, who travelled down from Manchester yesterday afternoon, will be at full strength.

Graeme Hogg trained with a feverish intensity, but the lingering doubts prompted by his pelvic trouble are almost certain to ensure that Kevin Moran partners Paul McGrath in the centre of the defence.

Mr Atkinson surprised no-one by promising Everton a far more competitive ordeal than the one preserved by Rapid Vinna in the Feyenoord Stadium.

He realises that the completion of the second leg of a unique treble has added to the aura of invincibility which surrounds the League champions. But, significantly, he chose to dwell on the personal aspects of Everton's collective success.

Andy Gray and Peter Reid are, he believes, exploiting the disappointments they endured earlier in their careers.

"Andy is one of my favourite players because of his sheer enthusiasm, and it was not so long ago that Peter came into my office after a game and said he was down in the dumps," he said.

"They appreciate what is happening to them. Their careers have had a kiss of life. But for all that, I think that we, too, will have no problems motivating ourselves at Wembley."

ETON BRAY'S WINNING WAY

By NEIL SCOT

Everton's fabulous winning streak may bring them more glory at Wembley tomorrow but spare a kindly thought for a team that has already achieved a trophy hat-trick this season.

They are not to be found in the higher echelons of football, neither are they easy to find on a map, unless it happens to be of the Ordnance Survey variety.

All true pundits of England's national game should join the village folk of Eton Bray, Bedfordshire, in toasting the triumphs of their local heroes who have won the South Midlands League (Premier Division), the League Challenge Cup and the Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

Apart from making local sporting history, the lads from Eton Bray, near Dunstable, have also earned a promotion place in the Isthmian League but cannot take it because they have no floodlights and no money to buy them.

Their pitch belongs to the parish and they don't charge spectators—because of assorted rights-of-way across their playing area.

Last Night's Boxing

WILLIS TAKES LIGHT TITLE

By KEN MAYS

TONY WILLIS, from Liverpool, became the British lightweight champion when he outpointed Ian McLeod, of Edinburgh, over 12 rounds to win the vacant title at the Digbeth Civic Centre, Birmingham, last night.

Willis, who won an Olympic bronze medal in Moscow five years ago, was the better boxer, and his southpaw right hands managed to build up an early lead.

Knocked out in one round when he challenged George Feeney for the title 18 months ago, Willis looked susceptible to the Scot's right hand, but he managed to weather all the punches that McLeod could throw.

Willis, 24, began to take total control by the sixth round, and McLeod attempted and, although aging to counter everything h ewas twice caught by the short right, the Scot's punches had apparently lost their power.

6 rnd bantam: John Hyland (Liverpool) bt Alex Irvine (Corb.), ret 3rd. 6 rdr Light-welter: Steve Cook (Southend) bt Andrew Mayes (Aerial, Doncaster) 120, Coventry 54 (J. Crossa 15)—Sheffield 44 (L. Collins 10). Wolverhampton 54 (J. Davis 15).

HOPE FOR BRANDS

Brands Hatch expect the New York Grand Prix, scheduled for September, to be cancelled shortly and are planning to replace it by the European Grand Prix at the Kent circuit on September 22.

Motor Racing

Senna in form to take Monaco pole position

By BRIAN ALLEN in Monte Carlo

THE talented Brazilian driver, Ayrton Senna, is setting the pace in practice for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix, just as he did in Estoril and Imola.

A searing lap of the twisting two-mile track which takes in the yacht-crowded harbour, saw him establish a time in his J P S Lotus more than a second quicker than last year's pole.

The modest Senna, who was so near to winning last year's race before it was stopped in pouring rain, yesterday become the first driver to set a lap average of more than 90 m.p.h. round the daunting circuit.

He said he was fortunate to get a good clear run, but others were not so lucky. His team-mate, Elio De Angelis, was baulked on both his runs on qualifying tyres, and so was Renault driver Derek Warwick, who is hoping he can improve on 12th fastest time when final qualifying takes place tomorrow.

A surprise yesterday was the greatly improved performance of the Alfa Romeos. Riccardo Patrese posted second quickest lap, and team-mate Eddie Cheever was sixth. Both were enthusing over better response due to fitting all-electronic engine management, and they are confident this will also reduce the V-8's notorious thirst for fuel.

Alain Prost, last year's pole man and race winner, returned third fastest time for McLaren despite severe understeer on his first set of qualifying tyres and traffic baulking on his second set.

Untypically, Niki Lauda made two mistakes on his fast lap. He first missed a gear and then slid his McLaren wide coming away from the swimming pool complex to finish seventh on the day.

Palmer accident

A really brave effort brought Nigel Mansell fifth place in the table with his Williams-Honda. He said: "The computer controlling the engine was shutting down a split second too late going into the corners. It was just like having a sticking throttle and I was having to brake earlier than usual. My quick lap was really fraught, not enjoyable at all".

Although delighted with Patrese's effort, there was a feeling of disappointment among Italian fans that Michele Alboreto was only fourth. Both he and Ferrari team-mate Stefan Johansson complained of understeer into the slow corners, and a lack of traction.

The Monaco grid is restricted to 20 cars, which will mean six dejected drivers on Sunday. Teo Fabi currently holds last place on the grid in the first appearance of the new Toleman TG185. Martin Brundle is 21st after traffic problems when his Tyrrell was fitted with his second set of qualifying tyres.

Jonathan Palmer damaged his Zakspeed when he slid off at the Casino—and admitted: "My own fault. I went too hard too early before my tyres warmed up."

There is one more hour of qualifying to come, but the signs are that Senna will probably take pole for the third Grand Prix in succession.

The details

Practice times (2-07 miles): A. Senna (Brazil), Lotus, 1m. 21-650s (91-82kmph). 2: R. Patrese (Italy), Alfa Romeo, 1-22-145. 3: A. Prost (France), McLaren, 1-22-270. 4: M. Alboreto (Italy), Ferrari, 1-22-670. 5: N. Mansell (Britain), Williams, 1-22-650. 6: E. Cheever (US), Alfa Romeo, 1-22-755. 7: N. Lauda (Austria), McLaren, 1-23-097. 8: A. de Cesaris (Italy), Ligier, 1-22-992. 9: K. Rosberg (Finland), Williams, 1-23-098. 10: S. Johansson (Sweden), Ferrari, 1-23-163. 11: E. de Angelis (Italy), Lotus, 1-23-319. 12: D. Warwick (Britain), Renault, 1-23-524. 13.

WEEKEND OF NOSTALGIA

By A Special Correspondent

Enthusiasts from all over the country have the opportunity of wallowing in nostalgia at Brands Hatch, Kent, and Oulton Park, Cheshire, on June 8 and 9. The Observer Weekend of Historic Car Racing.

The Historic Sports Car Club have transferred the established Atlantic Computer International Weekend from Donington to Brands where there will be a full historic meeting on the Grand Prix circuit for the first time. Most of the cars will be from the 1950s and 60s.

The long-running Rickard Seaman Trophies meeting at Oulton has been extended by the Vintage Sports Car Club and the Maserati 250F, Vanwall, E R A, Bugatti and Bentley will be among those in action.

SPEEDWAY

NAT. LGE.—Argus 46, Essex 48 (H. Humphreys 10, D. Cheshire 10), Exeter 30 (S. Bishop 8, C. Cook 8).

LEAGUE CUP.—Ipswich 44, Leicester 34 (J. Crossa 12), Coventry 54 (J. Crossa 15)—Sheffield 44 (L. Collins 10), Wolverhampton 54 (J. Davis 15).

Motor Cycling

Lawson and Spencer to battle on

By GEORGE TURNBULL

THE fight for the 500cc world championship between Eddie Lawson, the defending champion, and fellow American Freddie Spencer, is expected to draw 100,000 spectators to the ultra-fast Hockenheim circuit in West Germany on Sunday.

The event is the third round of the series, but after the South African and Spanish Grand Prix there is still nothing separating the world's two best riders, both on 27 points.

Lawson whon at Kyalami in fine style on hs Marlboro Yamaha ahead of Spencer and his Rothman's Honda. At Jarama, Spencer reversed the finishing order despite a tumble which has left him with niggling injuries.

Lawson took the title from Spencer last season when Spencer missed some rounds through injury and Lawson, is determined to prove that he is as good, or better, than his rival over a full season.

The 4·2 mile Hockenheim circuit, where the 500s can reach 190 mph, on the straight, should be as good a place as any for either to prove a point.

Lawson's Yamaha is the epitome of reliability while Spencer is now coming to terms with his new, and very quick four-cylinder Honda. The duel between these two is one of the most intriguing for years at Grand Prix level.

Broken exhaust

Wayne Gardner on the Rothmans Honda Britain machine is third in the points table with 18 points, while few doubted the Australian's ability, he has been a revelation in his first full Grand Prix season. Given a full Japanese works machine, he could well be challenging the two Americans.

The Frenchman, Christian Sarron, on another Yamaha, is fourth in the title chase with 15 points while Britain's Ron Haslem, Gardner's team-mate, is fifth with 11.

British fans are still waiting to see the best from Rob McElnea on the Skoal Bandit Herson Suzuki and, once he can shrug off the misfortune which seems to have dogged him so far, they should not be disappointed.

Spencer also lies fourth in the 250cc class after winning in South Africa and coming ninth in Spain with a broken exhaust. His little machine is so fast, however, that he has thrown the opposition into something of a panic. Two of the points leaders, Carlos Lavado and Martin Wimmer, are rapidly being supplied with new Yamahas.

Gould in welcome return to Rovers

BRISTOL ROVERS welcomed back Bobby Gould as their manager yesterdaytwo years after being upset at the circumstances of his departure to Coventry.

At the time, Mr Gould was missing from a Rovers match in pursuing his move to the First Division.

And Martin Flook, the club chairman, said: "This time we want a manager who is Bristol Rovers through and through, not someone who is not sure that his best future lies with us."

Mr Flook then appointed a Rovers player, David Williams, as player-manager, but he resigned recently when the club again narrowly missed promotion.

Older and wiser

Mr Gould, sacked last December by relegation-threatened Coventry, said on his Rovers return last night: "I know I will have to win over the fans who were upset when I left before to be honest, that was not properly handled—but I am a little bit older and wiser now."

Barry Bradshaw, now joint-chairman with Mr Flook, commented, in a vein which will give contract, every chance to test himself: "Gould has been given Mr Gould, given a three-year a very black picture of the club's resources, but has also been told that we expect promotion."

Meanwhile, Williams, who has decided to concentrate on playing for a few seasons, will have discussions with Reading on Tuesday.

Snodin for Leeds

"The two clubs have agreed terms for my transfer. Now it's a case of discovering if other clubs are also interested in me, and on discussing my personal terms with Reading," he said last night.

Ian Snodin, Doncaster Rovers' England Under-21 midfield player, has rejected a First Division future with West Bromwich and signed for Second Division Leeds in a £200,000 deal.

Snodin joins Rovers' manager Billy Bremner's former club, who narrowly missed promotion this season, as did Portsmouth, whose England Under-21 midfield player, Neil Webb, has added Arsenal to the clubs he is having transfer talks with, after already looking at Aston Villa.

Two substitutes

League sides are likely to be able to use two substitutes from next season, as on the Continent, if the management committee has its way at the annual meeting on June 7. If the Third and Fourth Division clubs cannot afford the extra wages, they can stick to one man on the bench.

ROGER MALONE

Schools International

FINE FINISH BY ENGLAND

Wales U-15 3 England U-15 3

ENGLAND retained the Victory Shield at the Vetch Field, Swansea, yesterday after trailing 3-0 midway through the second half.

The first half was played at a frenetic pace but few chances were created. Wales went ahead in the 22nd minute when D. Graham seized on a loose ball and banged in an unstoppable shot.

England might have equalised on the half hour but L. Davis's fierce effort shuddered against the post and bounced clear.

Minutes into the second half R. Thomas hit the crossbar after beating three defenders and then minutes later at the other end a free kick from the left was thrashed into the net by J. Kennedy.

Tutill's slip

Wales went further ahead in the 50th minute when S. Tutill put through his own goal after a mix-up in the England defence.

The game was turned upside down in the final quarter when England scored three goals in 14 minutes to earn a draw.

Thomas, always England's most dangerous forward, scored the first, C. Starkey lobbed in number two and finally after good work by Thomas, substitute R. Green crashed in the equaliser.

England should have clinched the match in injury time but Greene hit the post when well placed.

Wales U-15.—M. Edwards (Cynon Valley); D. Brown (Powys Capri); W. Lew (Aberdare Town), Arthur (Wrexham), S. Rees (Cynon Valley), C. Banks (Arfon), D. Graham (Vale of Glam), J. Dawes (Mold), C. Loughlin (Taff), P. Webster (Glan Nedd), J. Perry (Rhymney Valley).

England U-15.—A. Elliot (Solihull); P. Kelly (N. East), capt.), L. Dexter (Bradford), Lew Atterton (York), Arthur (S. North), P. Atherton (Wigan), R. Thomas (Harrow), D. Evenlust (Hatherton & Cannock), L. Davis (Mid Wilts), S. Murray (Newcastle-on-Tyne), C. Starkey (Middlesbrough).

Subs: R. Greene (Birmingham) for Darby (55), S. Hutchinson (Chelsea) for Murray (40).

Angling

HAPPY AMBLER

A fine 9¾lb rainbow trout, a record for the water, has been landed at the Sambrook Fishery, Newport, Shropshire, by Roger Ambler, of Whitewick, near Wolverhampton. It took a white lure and fought for several minutes.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon May 16

Low "P" will fill and move north. Low "G" will lose its identity. High "K" will move west and intensify, while High "J" will move south-east and intensify.

HOME AND ABROAD

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Alexandria	f	88	31	Locarno	c 66 19
Algiers	f	72	22	London	f 66 19
Amstrdm	s	68	20	Luxmbrg	s 66 19
Athens	f	72	22	Luxor	s 97 36
Azaccio	s	66	19	Madrid	c 55 15
Barcelna	dr	55	13	Majorca	c 64 18
Belfast	c	59	15	Malaga	s 68 20
Belgrade	s	77	25	Malta	r 65 17
Berlin	c	55	13	Manchstr	c 66 19
Biarritz	c	62	17	Melborne	f 57 14
Bmnghm	f	63	17	Miami	c 85 29
Blackpool	s	59	15	Milan	s 66 19
Bordeaux	c	63	17	Montreal	c 57 14
Boulogne	s	61	16	Moscow	s 57 14
Bristol	s	66	19	Munich	f 68 20
Brussels	f	68	20	Naples	s 73 23
Budapest	f	77	25	Newcastle	f 61 16
Cairo	s	88	31	N Delhi	s 100 38
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Cardiff	f	64	18	Nice	f 64 18
Casablnca	f	84	29	Oporto	f 68 20
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Faro	f	61	16	Rome	s 72 22
Florence	s	72	22	Salzburg	s 77 25
Frankfurt	s	72	22	Seoul	s 84 29
Funchal	c	64	18	Strasburg	s 72 22
Geneva	c	57	14	Stockhlm	s 64 18
Gibraltar	s	68	20	Sydney	f 68 20
Glasgow	r	57	14	Tangier	f 65 17
Guernsey	s	65	17	Tel Aviv	s 77 25
Helsinki	s	54	12	Tenerife	f 72 22
Hongkng	s	88	31	Toronto	c 68 20
Innsbruck	s	75	24	Tokyo	s 66 19
I.o.M.	s	65	13	Tunis	s 68 20
Istanbul	s	79	26	Valencia	r 57 14
Jeddah	s	93	34	Venice	s 73 23
Jersey	s	68	19	Vienna	f 72 22
Karachi	s	95	35	Warsaw	f 77 25
Larnaca	s	75	24	Wellingtn	r 48 9
L Palmas	s	72	22	Zurich	s 66 19

Key: C—cloudy, f—fair, r—rain, s—sunny, dr—drizzle. Temps: (F&C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's readings.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 70F (21C). Min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 48F (9C). Rainfall: nil. Sunshine: 10·5 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest, London Weather Centre, Cardiff 70F (21C). Coldest, Larwick 48F (9C). Wettest, Southport 0·19 inches. Sunniest, Bognor Regis 15·5 hours.

Lighting-up time 9.19 p.m. to 4.35 a.m. Sun rises 5.6 a.m. Sets 8.49 p.m. Moon rises 4.29 a.m. Sets 6.21 p.m.

High water at: London Bridge 1.12 a.m. (21ft); 1.43 p.m. (22.4ft). Dover 10.43 a.m. (19.4ft); 10.53 p.m. (20ft).

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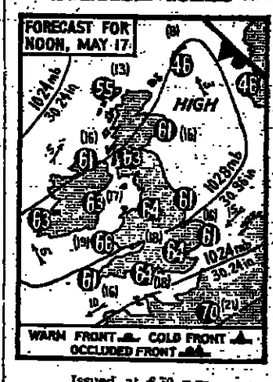

Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	Weather (day)
East Anglia	4.8	—	55 13	Sunny
Eastbourne	5.0	—	61 16	Bright
Bridlington	5.5	—	59 15	Sunny
Skegness	8.2	—	59 15	Sun pm
Lowestft	10.4	—	59 15	Sunny
Clacton	11.0	—	59 15	Sunny
Margate		—	57 14	Sunny
South Foreland		—	57 14	Sunny
Folkestone	10.9	—	66 19	Sunny
Eastbourne	11.5	—	63 17	Sunny
South'mpton	12.6	—	66 19	Sunny
Brighton	12.4	—	66 19	Sunny
Worthing	12.5	—	64 18	Sunny
Littlehmpton	12.4	—	64 18	Sunny
Bognor	15.5	—	64 18	Sunny
Hastings	13.1	—	64 18	Sunny
Southsea	10.3	—	64 18	Sunny
Ryde	10.8	—	64 18	Sunny
Sandown	12.2	—	64 18	Sunny
Shanklin	12.5	—	64 18	Sunny
Ventnor	13.2	—	64 18	Sunny
B'mouth	11.1	—	64 18	Sunny
Poole	10.7	—	66 19	Sunny
Swanage	12.1	—	66 19	Sunny
Weym'th	10.6	—	63 17	Sunny
Exmouth	4.8	—	61 16	Rain pm
Teignmth	5.4	—	61 16	Rain pm
Torquay	5.6	—	63 17	Bright
Paignton	5.8	—	63 17	Sun pm
Penzance	7.5	—	59 15	Sun pm
Scilly I.	9.6	—	61 16	Sun pm
Jersey	7.0	—	68 20	Sunny
Guernsey	12.1	—	68 17	Sunny
West		—		Sunny
Newquay	2.6	—	55 17	Cloudy
Perran'bo	2.5	—	61 16	Cloudy
Scarborough	5.7	0.19	64 18	Sunny
More'be	10.5	0.01	64 18	Sunny
Douglas	7.3	—	59 15	Sunny
Wales				
Clwyd S	10.5	—	59 15	Sunny
Tenby	4.1	—	59 15	Bright
Scotland				
Eskdalem'r	9.9	—	64 18	Sunny
Prestwick	2.5	0.01	61 16	Rain am
Glasgow	3.6	0.04	61 16	Rain am
Tiree	5.8	0.09	57 14	Rain pm
Stornoway	5.7	0.10	57 14	Bright
Tarwick	0.5	—	57 14	Cloudy
Wick	9.7	—	61 16	Bright
Aviemore	4.4	0.09	59 15	Bright
Aberdeen	5.6	0.09	61 16	Sun pm
St Andr's	6.2	—	64 18	Sun pm
Edinburgh	3.4	—	66 19	Sun pm
Ulster, Ireland				
Belfast	3.1	0.01	63 17	Rain pm
Lake District				
Ambleside	10.4	—	66 19	Sunny
Keswick	9.7	—	57 14	Sunny
Kendal	4.6	—	66 19	Sun pm

REPLAY DATE

If tomorrow's F A Cup Final between Everton and Manchester United is undecided after extra time, the replay will be at Wembley next Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

Finlayson looks back to when Wolves had teeth

Stan Cullis . . . sacked nearly 21 years ago.

Comfortable times for Malcolm Finlayson . . . but he grieves the decline of his former side, Wolves.

By A Special Correspondent

WOLVES supporters born after Tottenham achieved the League and Cup double in 1960-61 must find it almost impossible to believe that the Molineux ground was then the home of one of Britain's greatest clubs.

That memory, however, is an all too-painful truth for Malcolm Finlayson, season ticket holder since 1964, successful business man, and goalkeeper in the 1960 Wolves side which missed out on beating Spurs to the double a season earlier by a whisker.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since Stan Cullis's team won the F A Cup, beating Blackburn Rovers 3-0 at Wembley, and finished runners-up to Burnley for the League Championship, failing by a single point to land the double. Everton seek tomorrow.

In September older Wolves fans will mourn the 21st anniversary of the sacking of the man who allowed them to savour the glory of winning the League Championship three times (1954, 1958, 1959) and the F A Cup twice (1949, 1960).

None grieve more deeply than Finlayson, who regards Cullis's departure as the signal for the start of the club's decline and whose memories of the man he calls the "sergeant-major" are as vivid as ever.

"Stan was one of the most upright, honest people I have met. He was a hard man with players, although he never demanded more from an individual than he was capable of giving. But he couldn't stand people who didn't try.

"I remember an incident in a game against Fulham in the 1958-59 season. One of our players who shall remain nameless needed only to touch a cross to score. He saw Jim Langley, their full-back, come racing over ready to kick him over the bar and he docked out.

"At half-time there was no ranting and raving. Stan just looked at the player and said: 'I would hate to be in the trenches with you!'

"I remember another occasion when we were winning 3-0 at half-time at Bolton, when they were at their peak. I ran from the field quite content, only to hear a terrific commotion coming from our dressing room. It was Stan. He was furious that we weren't 6-0 up. He was a master of saying a lot in very few words.

"I remember when we played against Chelsea in one of Jimmy Greaves's first games. He had a marvellous match and we lost heavily.

"At half time Stan took the halfbacks, Eddie Clamp, Billy Wright and Ron Flowers to one side and said simply, 'Well lads, we've played 45 minutes. When are you going to try tackling him?'

"We didn't have many bad games but when we did there was always a race for the bathroom to get away from him."

Wolves had begun their decade of supremacy by winning the Cup in 1949 with this team: Williams; Pritchard, Springthorpe, Crook (W.), Shorthouse, Wright, Hancocks, Smyth, Pye, Dunn, Mullen.

They ended it with this Cup-winning side in 1960: Finlayson; Showell, Harris, Clamp, Slater, Flowers, Deeley, Stobart, Murray, Broadbent, Horne.

The change has been likened to replacing worn-out parts of an engine with new ones. For, in general terms, Finlayson, a Scot who came from Millwall, had replaced Williams; Slater and Flowers had succeeded Wright and Shorthouse; Deeley, with a short interlude by Smyth, had followed Hancocks, as Horne had taken over from Mullen and Broadbent from Dunn.

Indeed, Cullis had a wealth of talent at his disposal. At one stage during the late 1950s he could pick three half-backs from four internationals, Wright, Slater, Clamp and Flowers.

Wolves played what Finlayson describes as "a long ball game. It is a much-maligned system these days," he admits, "but Watford, Sheffield Wednesday and, in the Second Division, Wimbledon, have proved how effective it can be.

Finlayson strongly refutes the suggestion that Cullis was a victim of his own refusal to be swayed from those tactics.

"That was the excuse the Wolves board made at the time but the truth is that he was not their favourite person. I remember two occasions when the team had to hang around waiting for the directors before we left for away matches. In the end Stan would tell the driver to move out without them.

"'Let them take a ruddy taxi,' he would say. And when they got rid of him they threw away the chance of securing the club at the very top for years to come."

Cullis, in his 70th year, still takes an active interest in the game, and is one of the judges for the monthly Young Players' awards.

Perhaps the strength of Wolves towards the end of Cullis's reign can be best gauged by the players they rejected. Alan Ball was considered too small, Terry Cooper not good enough.

And the present? "It's very sad," says Finlayson, now managing director of steel stockholders' firm in Kingswinford, near Dudley. "The club has gone into a downward spiral. The team is poor and the ground delapidated. It will take more than one man to turn things around."

Wolves in the '50s — when Stan Cullis, the manager had four international half-backs to choose from including Bill Slater (second left, back row), Billy Wright (third from left) and Ron Flowers (right), next to Finlayson.

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By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

DANCE MACHINE'S trial for the Oaks, Shadeed's gallop after racing, some good milers in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes and another likely win for that fast two-year-old Fayruz, highlight Newbury's exciting programme this afternoon.

John Dunlop chose the 1984 Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes as the Epsom preliminary for Circus Plume and last year's Oaks' winner underlined her big-race prospects with a smooth victory.

Dunlop now pursues the same course with Dance Machine, who staged a flying finish to win her only two-year-old race at Newmarket in August.

Lester Piggott, who rode Circus Plume at Newbury and Epsom last year, will be on Dance Machine this afternoon.

Oh So Sharp, and Dubian head the Oaks betting at 4-1 and 6-1. Bella Colora, a close third in Oh So Sharp's 1,000 Guineas, is a 10-1 chance with Dance Machine top priced at 12-1.

Scintillate, in 1979, was another Oaks' winner who used this Newbury race as her trial. Dance Machine's opponents include Profess, Lost Cause and Perfect Match, who are also entered for Epsom on June 8.

Shadeed drifts

Perfect Match could soon prove another good advertisement for her sire Kris, but today I rely on Dance Machine fulfilling her two-year-old promise.

Opposition to Shadeed in the Derby betting has been such that his odds of 6-1 are now twice those offered against him for Epsom before he won the 2,000 Guineas.

His gallop today represents a welcome PR exercise, but more important to trainer Michael Stoute, it will be giving the colt experience at a course other than Newmarket.

All Shadeed's four races so far have been at his home meeting so that, while no fireworks can be expected this afternoon, the trip should help mature him.

Newbury will not be televised tomorrow because of the Cup final, so the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes has been brought forward to this afternoon's programme.

Mr Khalid Abdulla, whose Juddmonte Farms stud sponsors this race is represented by the Lincoln Handicap winner, Cataldi, rather than by his better-class four-year-old Rousillon.

Commanche Run and Meis-El-Reem, like Rousillon, were *overnight withdrawals but Sarab*, Lord Derby's talented gelding Teleprompter, the filly Mahogany and that promising three-year-old Rockmartin should contribute to a fine race.

Teleprompter's 1984 campaign was climaxed by a Queen Elizabeth II Stakes win at Ascot, but his performance at Newmarket last month suggests that more time may be needed for him to be back at his best.

Mahogany won the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury last year before she proved a disappointing favourite for Pebbles' 1,000 Guineas.

Sarab improved steadily last season and his third to Peebles in the Trust House Forte Mile at Sandown Park three weeks ago suggests he has made further progress. Sarab is napped.

Fayruz's sights seem to be on the record 16 two-year-old wins set by his stable-companion Provideo last season. The May Stakes should give Fayruz his sixth consecutive win in less than four weeks.

Al Bahathri, short-headed in Oh So Sharp's 1,000 Guineas, is confirmed a probable for the Irish 1,000 Guineas tomorrow week.

TODAY'S NEWBURY SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
2. 0—Dawn Mirage	2.30—Adariyaa	2. 0—Dawn Mirage
2.30—Miller's Tale	3. 0—Dance Machine	2.30—MILLER'S TALE (nap)
3. 0—Dance Machine	3.30—SARAB (nap)	3. 0—Profess
3.30—SARAB (nap)	4. 0—Melody Park	3.30—Sarab
4. 0—Abha		4. 0—Abha
4.30—Fayruz		4.30—Fayruz

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Sarab and ABHA
NEWMARKET NAP.—ABHA (4.0)
TONY STAFFORD.—Adariyaa (2.30)

From Newmarket

ABHA READY TO KEEP RECORD

By Our Resident Correspondent

Abha looks in excellent shape for the Hue-Williams Stakes at Newbury today and Henry Cecil's speedy filly is napped to maintain her unbeaten record.

Michael Stoute's Prince Lyph is fancied to pass a tough test in the XYZ Handicap at Newcastle where High Skies will be hard to beat in the Henshaw Stakes.

NEWBURY.— 2.0, Herb Robert; 2.30, Shabdiza; 3.0, Merle; 3.30, Prismatic; 4.0, Abha (nap); 4.30, Fayruz.
BEVERLEY.—2.45, Kryger; 3.15, Dick Knight; 4.15, Nasreen's Pet; 4.45, Tarquindos; 5.10, Golden Glint; 5.40, Ilion Moor.
NEWCASTLE.— 2.15, Gibberish; 3.15, Prince Lyph; 3.45, Salala; 4.15, Lordenda; 4.45, High Skies.

Ilium strides home six lengths clear of Old Country in yesterday's Yorkshire Cup. The rest of the field trail by at least four lengths.

Course Notes & Hints

SARAB IS BEST OF THE DAY

By Our Course Correspondent

SARAB, who showed admirable improvement last season, may return to winning form in today's Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes (5.30) at Newbury.

Paul Cole's colt made an *encouraging* reappearance at Sandown Park last month when a two-length third to the heavily-backed Pebbles.

He will have benefited from that run and can make the most of a 3lb concession by Teleprompter, who is expected to step up on a disappointing Newmarket return.

Dance Machine was deeply impressive when coming from a long way last to win at Newmarket on her only start last season. John Dunlop's filly may enhance her Oaks claims with victory in the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes (3.0).

Adariyaa may make the most of her light weight in the Ultramar 50th Anniversary Handicap (2.30) and Melody Park is fancied for the Hue-Williams Stakes (4.0).

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Horses wearing blinkers for the first time today are:
NEWCASTLE.— 3.15, Schlemmer.
NEWBURY.— 2.0, Mervarah.
BEVERLEY.—3.45, Another Miracle.
Octillon: 4.15, Elaborate.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: Newbury, Newcastle, "good"; Bangor-on-Dee, "good to firm"; Beverley, Warwick, "good to soft".

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

NEWCASTLE: 2.15, Brideswald; 2.45, Eastern Oasis; 3.15, Prince Lyph; 3.45, Benz; 4.15, Lordenda; 4.45, High Skies.
BEVERLEY: 2.15, Tintagel; 2.45, Sinbad (nap); 3.15, Norfolk Flight; 3.45, Janadab; 4.15, Keats; 4.45, Trade Wind; 5.10, Palace Yard; 5.40, Ilion Moor.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

All engagements (dead): Merchantman.

Soft ground helps Ilium to Cup win

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oaksey)

OLD COUNTRY was on his best behaviour at the start of yesterday's Yorkshire Cup but it is the finish that counts and Ilium robbed the reformation story of a happy ending at York by arriving there six lengths in front.

Both horses have minds of their own, but according to Richard Hills, who helped break in Ilium and for whom he goes so well, the colt's morale has always been crucial.

"You have to kid him that it's not going to be hard work," Hills, 22, said.

With the Knavesmire in one of its testing moods, that cannot have been an easy task, but Ilium has shown he can handle sticky ground, and by hindering his opponents, that worked, on balance, to his advantage.

Halfway up the straight Old Country was the only danger to Ilium and as he began to get bogged down, doubtless feeling his weight and lack of a previous race, Ilium easily strode past.

Spicy Story flops

By that time the favourite Spicy Story was already well beaten. He ran much too badly for the form to be true, finishing last but one, and was given an official dope test.

Although Longboat, Spicy Story's recent conqueror, finished fourth, he was almost as complete a disappointment. This was Longboat's first attempt on soft ground and he bore no resemblance to the horse we saw at Ascot.

Old Country was taken to the start so early that according to his rider Rae Guest, "he didn't realise a race, kept perfectly calm and went in the stalls straight away". His next test will probably be the Coronation Cup, for which Ilium is an intended runner.

The start played an even more *important part in the Duke of* York Stakes, because an electrical fault caused the stalls to open when fewer than half the runners had been loaded. The favourite Grey Desire and Novello burst out, getting rid of their jockeys and galloped the full six furlongs before being apprehended.

Given the choice to run or withdraw the pair, both trainers took the bolder decision and Grey Desire, although beaten two lengths by Chapel Cottage, ran a respectable race. Some of his backers felt aggrieved, but lots of horses win after getting loose and owner-trainer Mel Brittain had every right to take the chance.

Chapel Cottage is trained by Mick Ryan for Terry Ramsden, who bought her from Robert Sangster at the end of her two-year-old season and has had a long wait for a return on his investment.

Mr Ramsden landed one of his celebrated gambles here and if Chapel Cottage's heavily-bandaged fore legs escape recurrence of the injury which kept her off the course last season, she may make the top-class sprinter that Mick Easterby, her original trainer, always thought her.

Capricorn Belle, running for the first time for Maktoum Al-Maktoum, kicked her hind legs over the paddock rail before this race and may then have been the worst sufferer from nervous *strain during the long delay.*

Mixed fortunes

Michael Stoute, whose Marooned failed badly in the Davy McKee Handicap, had better luck when Scottish Reel completed an unbeaten hat-trick in the Norwest Holst Trophy Handicap.

Tony Kimberley, who rode Scottish Reel said the colt's back was causing him discomfort when he won only narrowly at Ripon last month and yesterday clearly feeling no pain, he took command at halfway and sailed away from Pennine Walk in the style of a horse who may be better than a mere handicapper.

Maldoror made a 7lb penalty look like so many feathers in the Davy McKee Handicap. As so often recently, Steve Cauthen was allowed to dictate his own pace from the front and when he called for a bit more speed the answer was decisive.

Maldoror will almost certainly stay further than a mile and half *and his trainer Henry Cecil may* not have been altogether joking when he asked mischievously, "Do you think he will make a Gold Cup horse?"

HARWOOD'S SECOND

Guy Harwood's Balkaroff made all to win the May Stakes by six lengths at Sandown last night. It was Harwood's second winner of the season — the first being Cataldi in the Lincoln Handicap on March 25.

WHISTLER'S NAP

High Skies (4.45 Newcastle) today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

Newcastle fields & forecast

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.15—Brideswald	2.15—Brideswald
2.45—Galine	2.45—Eastern Oasis
3.15—Nicoridge	3.15—Prince Lyph
3.45—Scrummage	3.45—Benz
4.15—Loredana	4.15—Knights Secret
4.45—Marmottan	4.45—High Skies

EFFECT OF DRAW: No advantage

Advance official going: GOOD TO SOFT

2.15: BLANCHLAND MAIDEN STAKES 2-Y-O Penalty Value £2,559 5f (10 declared)

1 Diamond Match, K. Stone, 9-0 C. Dwyer
3 4 Fanciness Boy, F. Carr, 9-0 J. Carr (7)
6 0 Izzy Gunner, R. Hobbs, 9-0 D. Nicholls
2 Norton Warrior, M. H. Easterby, 9-0 M. Birch
9 Provincial Dawn, J. Berry, 9-0 K. Darley
10 0 Space Trooper, T. Fairhurst, 9-0 C. Coates (5)
14 0 Sunny Bar, M. H. Easterby, 9-0 — —
15 02 Brideswald (EL), B. Hills, 8-11 R. Hills
16 0 Gibberish, M. Prescott, 8-11 G. Duffield
17 Folly Worth, R. Whitaker, 8-11 J. H. Brown (5)
Sunny Bar non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 10-11 Brideswald, 3 Gibberish, 5 Nocton Warrior, 8 Provincial Dawn, 12 others.

2.45: RIDSDALE SELLING STAKES 2-Y-O £1,301 5f (9)

1 01 Eastern Oasis (D), E. Alston, 8-11 G. Duffield
3 0 Heavenly Hooter, Denys Smith, 8-11 M. Fry
5 Nicnegar, C. Tinkler, 8-11 R. Fox
6 O'Kitty, C. Booth, 8-11 R. Hills
8 Willows Lad, K. Stone, 8-11 C. Dwyer
9 13 Symes Girl (D), J. Berry, 8-8 K. Darley
10 Galine, M. H. Easterby, 8-8 M. Birch
14 Sherwd Decision, M. Lambert, 8-8 P. Burke (7)
16 00 Wow Wow Wow, N. Tinkler, 8-8 L. Charnock

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Galine, 3 Wow Wow Wow, 4 Eastern Oasis, 6 Symes Girl, 8 Sherwd Decision, 10 Heavenly Hooter, 14 others.

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3.15: XYZ HANDICAP 3-Y-O £5,950 1¼m (9)

1 100-305 Downing Street (BL), C. Brittain, 9-7 G. Duffield
2 01-1 Prince Lyph, M. Stoute, 8-13 A. Kimberley
3 00-45 Nicoridge, G. Wragg, 8-9 R. Fox
4 310-000 Carillon, G. Ruffer, 8-9 G. Carter (5)
5 0-12 Crime Buster, C. Nelson, 8-2 R. Hills
7 00022-0 Rostherne, M. Stoute, 7-10 L. Charnock
8 025-022 Joli's Girl, M. Ryan, 7-7 M. Fenton
9 04-040 Schlemmer (BL), P. Kelleway, 7-7 N. Carlisle
10 0130-1 Northern Ruler (C), Denys Smith, 7-7 (5th ex.) M. Fry

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Prince Lyph, 3 Nicoridge, 4 Carillon, 7 Downing Street, 8 Joli's Girl, 10 Northern Ruler, 14 Crime Buster, 20 Schlemmer, 25 Rostherne.

3.45: OTTERBURN HANDICAP £2,386 7f (16)

1 12400-0 Rocksay Blue, M. Camacho, 4 10-0 E. Guest (5)
4 01/0-000 Spoilt For Choice (D), D. Chapman, 7 9-7 D. Nicholls
5 0200-01 Bess (BL) (D), M. H. Easterby, 4 9-5 M. Birch
6 03034-0 Old Dominion (CD) (D), W. Marshall, 3 9-3 J. H. Brown (5)
8 00100-0 Salala (D), B. Hanbury, 4 9-2 R. Hills
10 60-0304 Philster, W. Stubbs, 4 8-12 W. Ryan
13 1050-40 Scrummage (D), E. Alston, 7 8-2 G. Duffield
14 003-222 Mirbe, Capt. J. Wilson, 5 8-6 R. Fox
17 00-3000 Gun On Last (C), Denys Smith, 4 8-3 M. Fry
19 0000-00 Jo-Andrew (C), D. Chapman, 5 7-13 G. F. Bates
20 320000- Zavie, J. Etherington, 4 7-12 K. Darley
21 000-030 Tellsmore (D), F. Carver, 6 7-11 I. Charnock
22 300-000 Rosedi (D), T. Craig, 6 7-11 N. Carlisle
25 020304 Briar Bridge, Mrs L. Sadler, 5 7-7 — 10
26 000400- Sky Mariner (D), G. Calvert, 3 7-7 A. Proud
27 00-4005 Tiddlywink (BL), J. Vickers, 6 7-7 G. Carter (5)

S.P.: FORECAST: 7-2 Scrummage, 4 Benz, 5 Philster, 6 Mirbe, 7 Gun On Last, 8 Salala, 10 Old Dominion, 12 Tellsmore, 14 others.

4.15: EARSDON HANDICAP £1,863 1m (10)

2 00-0500 Rousse (D) (BF), R. Whitaker, 7 9-10 J. H. Brown (5)
3 0000-10 Knights Secret (D), M. H. Easterby, 4 9-3 M. Birch
6 20000-0 Zic Peppino (C), T. Craig, 4 8-11 R. F. Bunce
7 02100-0 Miami Star, Denys Smith, 4 8-10 D. Leadbitter (3)
8 305-000 Reside (D), J. S. Wilson, 3 8-8 C. Dwyer
9 0431-04 Lorendana, G. Ruffer, 4 8-7 G. Carter (5)
10 32400-0 Boy Stanford (D), W. Marshall, 5 8-6 N. Carlisle
11 000-010 Star Event (D), J. Etherington, 4 8-3 G. Duffield
12 003-000 Soldiers (C), D. Chapman, 4 8-3 D. Nicholls
15 0000-02 Elliot, N. Chamberlain, 4 7-7 M. Fry

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Lorendana, 9-4 Knights Secret, 4 Miami Star, 5 Star Event, 8 Romous, 12 Reside, 14 others.

4.45: HENSHAW STAKES £1,400 1½m 60y (9)

2 Bordeaux Rouge, W. Elsey, 4 9-7 G. Duffield
7 000-0 Rovigo, W. A. Stephenson, 4 9-7 E. Guest (5)
10 09-0005 Trimeres, Denys Smith, 4 9-7 M. Fry
11 Amateur Miss, A. Scott, 5 9-4 K. Darley
13 000000- Sabrinet, Miss L. Siddall, 4 9-4 G. Gosney
17 0- Cassindale, R. Whitaker, 3 8-5 J. H. Brown (5)
20 2 High Skies (BF), O. Doleh, 3 8-5 A. Lequeux
22 Marmottan, R. Cecil, 3 8-5 W. Ryan
27 00-4 Wassl Merjaseh, Thomson Jones, 5 8-5 R. Hills

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 High Skies, 15-8 Marmottan, 4 Wassl Merjaseh, 8 Trimeres, 10 others.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON LINE-UP

HOTSPUR	FORM
6.15—Coupon Clipper	6.15—Barnalyra
6.45—Emperor Charles	6.45—Backstreet Guy
7.15—Young Lover	7.15—Rajuvenator
7.45—City Boy	7.45—City Boy
8.15—Trouvere	8.15—Nebula
8.45—French Union	8.45—Gambler's Cup

Advance Official Going: GOOD

6.15: INGON SELLING HURDLE 4-Y-O Penalty Value £789 2m (10 declared)

1 0P4 Solitario (BL) (D) (BF), B. Preece, 11-4 B. Stronge
3 000 Barnalyra (BL), G. Morgan, 10-12 S. McDonald (7)
5 000 Irish Guest (BL), J. Fitch-Heyes, 10-12 R. Goldstein
7 00 Spice Market (BL), G. Richards, 10-12 P. Tuck
10 000 Coupon Clipper, S. Mellor, 10-7 ... M. Perrett
13 Highwood Princess, M. Keegan, 10-7 — —
17 00 Maid Of Ireland, D. Wintle, 10-7 ... A. Carroll
18 000 Perfect Double, B. Cambidge, 10-7 R. Hatfield (7)
19 0 Prince Eeryco, M. Tompkins, 10-7 S. J. O'Neill
24 0 Veracity, Mrs E. Kennard, 10-7 N. Coleman (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Coupon Clipper, 7-2 Barnalyra, Solitario, 11-2 Maid Of Ireland, 8 Spice Market, 10 Prince Eeryco, 14 others.

6.45: SHELDON BOSLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY (Novice Handicap Chase) £1,670 3¼m (10)

1 414 Emperor Charles (C) (BF), F. Winter, 8 12-0 J. Duggan
2 311 Backstreet Guy (C), N. Henderson, 6 12-0 (7th ex) J. White
5 P33 Only For Love (BF), D. Nicholson, 6 10-9 F. Sunderland
6 282 Welfare (BL) (BF), G. Richards, 7 10-7 P. Tuck
7 300 Hy Tai, Earl Jones, 8 10-0 ... J. C. Doyle (4)
9 120 Flyby Mistress, J. Webber, 7 10-0 ... J. Burke
11 201 Barwala, M. Scudamore, 8 10-0 ... Mr. Williams
13 30F Bolt, The Gate, D. Williams, 6 10-0 R. Powell
15 FP0 Monacar, J. Gifford, 10 10-0 ..... Peter Hobbs
16 F00 Tularowena, Mrs D. Tucker, 10 10-0 R. Dennecdy

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Backstreet Guy, 3 Emperor Charles, 5 Only For Love, Rubercolo, 7 Welfare, 10 Flying Mistress, 16 others.

7.15: RODDY BAKER GOLD CUP (Handicap Chase) £2,628 2¾m (10)

1 102 Young Lover (C), F. Winter, 7 11-12 S. de Haan
3 210 Broadheath, D. Nicholson, 8 11-4 P. Scudamore
4 000 Packs Fells, Mrs D. Tucker, 11 11-3 N. Coleman (4)
5 004 Scottish Sound, R. Hodges, 9 11-1 ... —
6 0U3 River Rhein, J. Webber, 8 11-1 ... G. Mernagh
10 0U1 Rejuvenator (D), G. Richards, 9 10-6 (6lb ex) F. Tuck
11 U13 Spanish Streak (C) (BF), J. Fox, 8 10-5 S. Moore
12 P42 Anghra Bourn, J. Gifford, 9 10-4 Peter Hobbs
13 P-04 Silversmith (CD), R. Hodges, 12 10-3 R. Linley
16 000 Ennhill, S. Mellor, 7 10-0 G. Charles-Jones (4)
Scottish Sound non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Rejuvenator, 7-2 Young Lover, 5 Anghra Bourn, 11-2 Spanish Streak, 8 River Rhein, 10 Broadheath, 14 others.

7.45: SAME TRACTORS NOVICES' HUNTER 'CHASE Amateur Riders £5,568 2¾m (20)

1 Another Orbit, F. Corbett, 10 12-0 ... A. Ulyet
3 2U1 Castles-In-The-Air, R. Lyles, 7 12 0 D. Lyles (7)
4 111 City Boy (D), Mrs J. Mann, 10 12-0 T. Thomson Jones
5 Carnish Trust, Mrs M. Trickey, 10 12-0 ..... —
6 P-PP Guy's Folly, C. Spate, 10 12-0 ..... N. Smith
7 304 High Class Agent, M. Churches, 7 12-0 F. MacEwan
8 J-J-Reary, Mrs J. Knowles, 6 12-0 Miss A. Beaumont
10 4F0- Just Del, J. Dufosee, 8 12-0 ..... Mr. Felton
12 00U- Mailed Fist, Mrs P. Mullen, 10 12-0 ..... —
13 244 Master Beau, D. Bell, 10 12-0 Miss S. Lawrence

Young Lover, fancied for the 7.15 race

8.15: DORSINGTON NOVICES' HURDLE 4-Y-O £622 2m (8)

2 411 Nebris (D), R. Akehurst, 11-10 P. Barton
10 143 Trotwers (D), Mrs J. Pitman, 11-5 Mr. J. Pitman
20 Lord Prosperities, G. R. Jones, 10-12 Guy Jones
21 000 Non-Smoker, D. Elsworth, 10-12 C. Brown
23 Vale River, B. Pallins, 10-12 Mr. R. Griffiths
25 Celtic Flame, Mrs M. Thomas, 10-7 — —
29 80 Little Beaver, D. Nicholson, 10-7 P. Scudamore
30 Nothing Happened, Mrs M. Thomas, 10-7 — —

S.P.: FORECAST: 4-6 Nebris, 7-4 Trotwers, 10 Non-Smoker, 16 Little Beaver, 20 others.

8.45: BISHOPTON NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE £852 2¾m (19)

1 211 French Union (C), D. Nicholson, 7 11-10 P. Scudamore
2 031 Gambler's Cup (C), F. Winter, 6 11-7 S. de Haan
3 110 Head Me Down, R. Hodges, 8-11-6 (5th ex) P. Earle (4)
5 100 Lector (BL), D. Elsworth, 4 11-2 C. Brown
8 4-24 Brigman, S. Harris, 7 10-11 J. Frost
12 400 Star Of Arabia, Mrs J. Pitman, 6 10-7 M. Pitman (4)
13 P23 The Duke, K. Bailey, 7 10-7 P. Croucher
14 000 King Bora, J. Roberts, 6 10-7 W. Knox (7)
16 008 Al Kanshah, P. Bevan, 8 10-6 R. Hatfield (7)
17 P50 Vick The Bakker, M. Madgett, 7 10-6 G. McCourt
19 F0U New Kepler, D. Candollo, 6 10-6 — —
22 0U4 Bishop's Blaise, P. Cundell, 6 10-1 R. Barton
25 0FP Lightning Tom, P. Cundell, 8 10-0 A. Gorman
24 000 Wordsworth, D. A. Wilson, 5 10-0 — —
28 040 Kalkus, O. Carter, 6 10-0 C. Cox (7)
29 P0P Pearlroy, Mrs J. Fraser, 6 10-0 N. Smith
30 000 Speggorel Walk, B. Shaw, 8 10-0 P. Nicholls
31 P00 For Valour, R. Keegan, 5 10-0 R. Goldstein
32 00F Velvory's Clown, Mrs H. Dowson, 7 10-0 C. Grey

S.P.: FORECAST: 3 Gambler's Cup, 4 Head Me Down, 5 French Union, 13-2 The Duke, Brigman, 8 Lector, 12 Star Of Arabia, Vick The Bakker, 16 others.

Newbury runners, riders and form guide

EFFECT OF DRAW:
High numbers slightly favoured on straight course

Advance Official Going: GOOD

JACKPOT MEETING

2.0 (Jackpot Prefix 1): CHARITY DAY SELLING STAKES 2-Y-O Penalty Value £2,712 5f (10 declared)

2 COMEON (T. Ramsden), R. Simpson, 8-11 S. Whitworth (5) 9
3 0 COPPERMILL LAD (Mrs J. Sarsaondi), J. Hill, 8-11 P. Waldron 2
6 HANDSOME SAILOR (Mrs M. Thompson), R. Thompson, 8-11 P. Bradwell 3
7 5 HERB ROBERT (Lord Porchester), W. Hastings-Bass, 8-11 W. Carson 4
9 MY ADVOCATE (C. Rowan), M. Usher, 8-11 M. Wigham 6
10 NORTHINCH (G. Baldwin), G. Baldwin, 8-11 W. Higgins 10
11 400 DAWN MIRAGE (J. Mellor), R. Hannon, 8-8 A. McGlone 8
13 0 SIONSARAH (BF) (C. Southgate), P. Cundell, 8-8 P. Cook 1
15 PHILOSOPHICAL (G. Gunnigan), B. Mason, 8-8 P. Goss 5
22 00 WOW WOW WOW (Usk Circle Thoroughbreds Ltd), N. Tinkler, 8-8 — 7
Wow Wow Wow runs 2.45 Newcastle stakes trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Herb Robert, 3 Dawn Mirage, 4 Coppermill Lad, 6 Philosophical, 8 Comeon, 10 Mr Advocate, 14 others.

1984: Fabled Trust 8-8 P. Cook 8-11 J. Berry. 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Herb Robert was beaten 14½l when last of 5 to Mazaad (heavy) at Newmarket (5f) May 5 (good to firm going). Coppermill Lad was beaten 16½l when 5th of 9 to Meadow Minor (level) at Bath (5f) April 30 (good). Dawn Mirage was beaten last over 6½l when 5th of 12 to The Right Guy 2lb at Doncaster (5f) May 6 (firm). Mysonrah was beaten 8l when last of 7 to Dancing Ellie (level) at Kempton (5f) May 4 (firm). Wow Wow Wow was beaten 9½l when 6th of 9 to Lady Chantry (save 14lb) at Thirsk (5f) April 20 (good).

DAWN MIRAGE is preferred to Herb Robert

TV (BBC-1) RACES: 2.30, 3.0 & 3.30. (BBC-2) 4.0.

2.30 (Prefix 2): ULTRAMAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP 3-Y-O £5,016 1¼m (8)

1 010355-0 TROY FAIR (SD) M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-7 W. Carson 6
5 510-0 NORTHERN RIVER (C) (Mrs J. Sulcoski), J. Dunlop, 8-10 J. Mercer 8
6 01- OTABARI (L. Schiami), P. Cole, 8-8 T. Quinn 3
7 005-120 COUNT COLOURS (S. Norton), S. Norton, 8-4 G. Baxter 1
8 4100-01 AL-YASIR (Hamdan Al Maktoum), C. Benstead, 8-4 (6lb ex) S. Hawes 5
9 021- SHABDIZA (BF) Aga Khan), M. Stoute, 8-1 Paul Eddery 2
10 1 MILLER'S TALE (F. Wilson), I. Balding, 8-1 P. Cook 7
12 0100-14 BLOODLESS COUP (T. Marshall), M. Usher, 7-7 D. McKay 9
15 0-1 ADARIYAA (HH Aga Khan), R. Hannon, 7-7 C. Rutter (5) 4

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Miller's Tale, 4 Adariyaa, 11-2 Shabdiza, 6 Al-Yasir, 8 Otabari, 10 Troy Fair, Northern River, 14 others.

1984: Torrent Dean 8-13 S. Cauthen 5-11 H. Candy. 12 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Al-Yasir beat Terra Di Siena (rec 2lb) by 2l at Salisbury (1¼m) May 8 (firm). Miller's Tale beat Rocky Peak (rec 3lb) by 7l at Bath (1m 3f 150y) April 30 (good). Adariyaa beat Count Harbour (rec 3lb) by nk at Windsor (1¼m 22y) April 22 (good to firm). Shabdiza beat Killara Kid (save 3lb) by 1½l at Newcastle (1m) Oct 9 (good to soft). Otabari beat Abu Fawaz (level) by 4l at Longchamp (1¼m) Oct 6 (heavy). Northern River was beaten more than 8½l when last of 7 to Vertige (rec 7lb) at Ascot (1¼m) May 1 (good).

MILLER'S TALE may follow up. Adariyaa next best.

3.0 (Prefix 3): SIR CHARLES CLORE MEMORIAL STAKES 3-Y-O Fillies £8,376 1¼m (9)

1 1- DANCE MACHINE (C. Humphris), J. Dunlop, 8-12 L. Piggott 3
3 514- PROFESS (R. Sangster), M. Stoute, 8-12 ..... R. Thompson 5
7 521- ELDER (Lord Rotherwick), W. Hern, 8-7 ..... B. Procter 6
8 4100-32 LOST CAUSE (E. Kronfeld), I. Balding, 8-7 ..... J. Matthias 2
9 4211-30 MERLE (J. Adam), R. Sheather, 8-7 ..... R. Cochrane 9
13 03-0 FORMIDABLE LADY (Mrs R. Newton), W. Wightman, 8-4 S. Rose 7
14 5-2 PERFECT MATCH (A. Clore), B. Hills, 8-4 ..... P. Eddery 1
15 00-0 SERDARLI (Mrs V. Hassan), M. McCormack, 8-4 ... J. Reid 4
16 3 SPARKLING FIRE (The Queen), W. Hern, 8-4 ..... W. Carson 2

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Dance Machine, 7-2 Merle, 4 Sparkling Fire, 6 Perfect Match, 7 Profess, 8 Lost Cause, 14 Elder, 16 others.

1984: Circus Plume 8-7 L. Piggott 15-2 J. Dunlop. 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Dance Machine beat Valson La Romaine (level) by ¾l at Newmarket (7f) Aug 11 (good). Elder beat Fire Flash (level) by 3l at Wolverhampton (1m 1f) Oct 9 (good to soft). Lost Cause was beaten 4l by Miss Gee (level) at Chepstow (1m) April 28 (good). Sparkling Fire was beaten 4½l when 3rd to Baroque Classique (level) at Newbury (7f) April 20 (good). Perfect Match was beaten 1l by Purchasepaperchase (level) at Ascot (1m) May 1 (good). Profess was beaten 1¼l when 4th to Kathi Lagoon (rec 3lb) at Newmarket (7f) Oct 19 with Lost Cause (level) more than 13½l away 7th of 9 (good). Merle was beaten 10½l when 11th to Oh So Sharp (level) at Newmarket (1m) May 2 (good to firm).

PROFESS is preferred to Merle

3.30 (Prefix 4): JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE STAKES £29,115 1m str. (11)

3 12111-0 TELEPROMPTER (BL) (D) (BF) (Lord Derby), J. W. Watts, 3 9-6 T. Ives 8
6 0144-10 CATALDI (D) (BF) (A. Abdulla), G. Harwood, 3 9-1 G. Starkey 9
7 011-4 HAJES (D) (Wafid & Ahmed Ltd), J. Dunlop 4 9-1 P. Eddery 6
8 11-1054 MAHOGANY (C) (R. Sculli), C. Nelson, 4 9-1 ..... J. Mercer 11
10 33/4 PAGAN OF TROY (Sheikh Mohammed), W. Hern, 4 9-1 W. Carson 2
11 13114-3 SARAB (F. Salman), P. Cole, 4 9-1 ..... T. Quinn 5
12 02100-4 SHOW OF HANDS (D) (J. W. Watts), J. W. Watts, 3 9-1 A. Mercer 3
14 2100-00 INDIANA FENCIL (F. Salem), D. Sasse, 3 7-13 ..... — 4
15 1123-10 PRISMATIC (D) (Lord Howard de Walden), H. Cecil, 3 7-13 Paul Eddery 10
16 0-1 ROCKMARTIN (CD) (Col J. Barry), I. Balding, 3 7-13 P. Cook 1
17 11413-0 ULLA LAING (A. Boom), B. Hills, 3 7-10 ..... P. Street 7

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Sarab, 7-2 Hajes, 9-2 Teleprompter, 7 Cataldi, Prismatic, 12 Pagan of Troy, 14 Ulla Laing, 16 others.

1984: Cormorant Wood 4 9-5 S. Cauthen 7-1 B. Hills dead-heated with Wassl 4 9-5 W. Carson 9-2 J. Dunlop. 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Rockmartin beat Ingling (level) by nk hd over today's course and distance April 20 (good). Hajes was beaten 1¾l when 4th to King of Clubs (save 3lb) at Newmarket (1m 1f) April 17 with Teleprompter (save 5lb) last of 8 (good). Pagan of Troy was beaten 3¾l when 4th to Newcastle (level) at Leicester (7f) April 27 (good to firm). Mahogany was beaten 8¾l when 4th of 5 to Optimistic Lass (level) at Goodwood (1¼m) Aug 4 (firm). Sarab was beaten 2l when 3rd to Pebbles (save 4lb) at Sandown (1m) April 26 (good). Cataldi was last of 15 to Real Or Bay (rec 16lb) at Kempton (1¼m) April 8 (heavy and previously beat Jovial Dancer (rec 15lb) by 5l at Doncaster (1m) March 23 (soft). Prismatic was beaten 6¼l when 6th to Adjanada (rec 20lb) at Newmarket (7f) May 4 (good to firm).

SARAB may beat Hajes

4.0 (Prefix 5): HUE-WILLIAMS STAKES 3-Y-O £4,885 6f (8)

1 0014-20 CAMEROUN (C) (D) (C. Wright), D. Laing, 8-11 W. Carson 8
2 4210-03 MELODY PARK (G. Mills), M. Ryan, 8-11 ..... P. Robinson 2
3 3-0 AL ZAWBAAH (BF) (Hamdan Al Maktoumi), Thomson Jones, 8-9 A. Murray 4
4 BARULA (K. Abdulla), J. Tree, 8-9 ..... P. Eddery 1
6 4-01 OROJOVA (R. Saunders), J. Hindley, 8-9 ..... R. Thompson 7
9 0240-04 SHARP ROMANCE (Sheikh Rashid Al Khalifa), K. Brassey, 8-9 — 5
10 2110-20 STAR VIDEO (D) (W. Smith), M. McCormack, 8-9 R. Cochrane 6
12 111 AEHA (D) (Prince Faisal), H. Cecil, 8-6 S. Cauthen 3

S.P.: FORECAST: 17-8 Abha, 3 Melody Park, 9-2 Cameroun, 7 Barula, 10 Orojova, 12 Al Zawbaah, 14 Star Video.

1984: Sayvello, 8-9 P. Eddery 4-1 J. Winter. 10 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Abha beat Lord Hippo (rec 3lb) by 3l at Thirsk (6f) April 26 (good). Melody Park was beaten more than 3l when 7th to Prince Sabo (save 11lb) at Newmarket (5f) May 4 with Cameroun (save 1lb) 7th (good to firm). Orojova beat Al Riyadh (level) by 2l at Warwick (7f) April 29 (good to soft). Sharp Romance was beaten 4¾l when 4th to Grey Desire (save 24lb) at Newmarket (6f) April 17—Cameroun (save 7lb) 2nd (good). Al Zawbaah was beaten 7½l when 6th to Prismatic (save 10lb) at Thirsk (7m) April 20 (good to soft).

ABHA has complete four-timer. Melody Park danger.

4.30 (Prefix 6): MAY STAKES 2-Y-O £2,560 5f (7)

1 011111-FAYRUZ (D) (HH Aga Khan), W. O'Gorman, 9-4 ..... T. Ives 2
3 0?4 WEBSTERS FEAST (D) (L. Oxenham), M. McCormack, 9-4 R. Cochrane 5
6 IN TOTO (K. Abdulla), J. Tree, 8-11 ..... P. Eddery 6
7 LIGHTNING WIND (A. Schiff), M. Usher, 8-11 ..... M. Wigham 3
8 4 MOLOCH (L. Cameron), H. Hobbs, 8-11 ..... G. Baxter 7
9 MOUNT DOMINION (Mrs A. Everett), I. Balding, 8-11 J. Matthias 1
11 SELVINO (R. Bonnycastle), B. Hills, 8-11 ..... R. Thompson 4

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Rice puts Notts in command

By NEIL HALLAM at Trent Bridge

THE object lesson of Clive Rice's resolute unbeaten 73 was utterly lost on Derbyshire's upper batting yesterday.

It disintegrated in a hapless sequence of inadequate or inappropriate strokes, plunging them to 38 for eight and condemning them to defeat by 53 runs with more than seven overs to spare.

There was another more pointed example for the batsmen when tail-enders Newman and Holding set a Benson & Hedges ninth-wicket record of 83, Derbyshire's last two wickets adding 105 runs as Rice mysteriously withheld his front-line seamers.

The pitch, a two-tone affair of variable bounce, undoubtedly offered much to cheer the seamers but Derbyshire had use

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of it at its dampest in the morning and conditions could, in any case, hardly excuse so feeble an early capitulation.

Hill, at least, was attempting something responsible when Hadlee, in his first appearance of the season, found enough movement to have him held off bat and pad and Barnett resisted strokelessly for a dozen overs before he, too, was beaten off the pitch.

Morris, who lofted fours off Hadlee and Saxelby, fell unwisely attempting to do something similar and Derbyshire had mustered only five scoring strokes in 15 overs when Roberts tried to play an attacking stroke out of context on the front foot.

Saxelby, previously in sluggish form, flourished anew in Hadlee's company and Cooper's ability to move the ball through the air and off the pitch maintained this potency, earning him four wickets in five overs to prompt some urgent inspection of the competition's unhappier records.

Derbyshire won toss

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B. C. Broad, c Holding, b Mortensen	1
Robinson, *D. L. Bairstow, G. E. D. W. Randall, c Miller, b Miller	29
C. E. B. Rice, not out	73
P. Johnson, c Roberts, b Mortensen	4
J. D. Birch, c Meiner, b Mortensen	2
R. T. Hadlee, c Hill, b Warner	25
†B. N. French, not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 2)	13
55 overs. Total (6, wkts)	166

Did not bat: K. E. Hemmings, K. P. Cooper, K. Saxelby.

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-31, 3-83, 4-94, 5-98, 6-178.

Bowling: Holding 11-1-47-0, Mortensen 11-0-30-3, Warner 11-0-32-1, Newman 11-2-42-1, Miller 11-2-14-1.

DERBYSHIRE

*K. J. Barnett, lbw b Saxelby	2
A. Hill, c Johnson, b Hadlee	0
J. E. Morris, lbw b Saxelby	5
B. Roberts, c Rice, b Cooper	0
W. P. Fowler, lbw b Rice	17
G. Miller, c Rice, b Cooper	1
†B. J. M. Maher, c Rice, b Cooper	0
A. E. Warner, c Hadlee, b Cooper	8
P. G. Newman, not out	55
M. Holding, c Rice, b Hemmings	38
O. H. Mortensen, c Randall, b Hemmings	9
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 10)	16
47.4 overs. Total	145

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-15, 3-16, 4-16, 5-30, 6-54, 7-56, 8-58, 9-121.

Bowling: Hadlee 6-1-25-1, Saxelby 8.4-5-9-3, Cooper 11-2-34-4, Rice 5.0-18-1, Hemmings 10.4-1-31-2, Birch 5-0-36-0.

Umpires: J. W. Holder & B. Leadbeater.

LEVER'S 5-13 HARVEST ON LORD'S 'FIZZER'

By DOUG IBBOTSON at Lord's

ESSEX yesterday assured themselves of a place in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup when, after a fascinating contest, they beat Middlesex at Lord's by four wickets.

To summarise the day's events, on a wicket of spiteful disposition Middlesex lost the toss, were put in by Keith Fletcher, and put out by John Lever, whose 5-13 earned him the gold award.

Middlesex mustered only 73 runs off 29·1 overs whereupon Essex, not without alarms, reached their target off 23.

So ended five hours of mixed fortune for Lever and Mike Gatting which began amiably enough when, as winners of the Twin Hundreds Awards, each received a silver trophy and a cheque for £500.

Their next meeting evoked no such pleasantries, and there was only one winner, Lever, having

Close of play

SURREY bt Australians by 6 wkts.
HANTS (2 pts) bt Somerset by 7 wkts.
KENT (2) bt Minor Counties by 5 wkts.
ESSEX (2) bt Middx by 4 wkts.
NORTHANTS (2) bt Scotland by 6 wkts.
NOTTS (2) bt Derbys by 53 runs.
YORKS (2) bt Warwick by 7 wkts.
SUSSEX (2) bt Comb. Univs. by 105 runs.
WORCS (2) bt Lancs by 6 wkts.

The scoreboard

Essex won toss.

MIDDLESEX

G. D. Barlow, c Hardie, b Lever	0
W. N. Slack, b Turner	11
*M. W. Gatting, b Lever	1
R. O. Butcher, c Pringle, b Lever	6
C. T. Radley, lbw, b Lever	0
†P. R. Downton, c Hardie, b Lever	7
J. E. Emburey, not out	32
P. H. Edmonds, b Foster	2
W. F. Williams, lbw b Pringle	2
A. R. C. Fraser, c Gooch, b Foster	0
W. W. Daniel, c East, b Foster	2
Extras (w 1)	1
29·1 overs. Total	73

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-6, 3-12, 4-14, 5-24, 6-27, 7-48, 8-64, 9-65.

Bowling: Lever 11-4-13-5; Pringle 7-0-19-1; Turner 5-1-15-1; Foster 6·1-0-26-3.

ESSEX

G. A. Gooch, c Slack, b Fraser	27
B. R. Hardie, retired hurt	4
A. W. Lilley, c Emburey, b Williams	1
K. S. McEwan, c Emburey, b Williams	4
D. R. Pringle, c Downton, b Daniel	8
*K. W. R. Fletcher, c Downton, b Williams	18
N. Phillip run out	5
†D. E. East not out	10
S. Turner not out	1
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 4)	8
23 overs. Total (6 wkts)	74

Did not bat: N. A. Foster, J. K. Lever.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-17, 3-49, 4-70, 5-70, 6-73.

Bowling: Williams 11-3-30-3, Daniel 7-4-21-1; Fraser 5-0-51-1.

Umpires: R. Palmer and P. B. Wight.
* Captain, † Wicketkeeper.

dismissed Barlow with the first ball of the match, removed Gatting for one with the fifth of his second over.

Already mutterings of delight or dismay were passing among the rival camps, almost exclusively concerning the state of the pitch, later described by Fletcher as the worst he has played on at Lord's.

The two thirds of the wicket nearest the pavilion was a damper darker plot than the rest

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and it was on or around a distinct dividing line that Lever planted his fertile crop bristling deliveries.

His next victim was Butcher, smartly caught by Pringle at first slip and after Turner, from the nursery end, had induced Slack to play on, Lever removed Radley lbw and had Downton brilliantly caught by Hardie at short leg.

Middlesex were now 27 for six and Essex had still not employed Foster who only the day before had taken 5-32 at the Oval.

He broke the comparatively major seventh wicket partnership of 22 between Edmonds and Emburey, the spinners, who had hitherto seemed doomed to redundancy on such a wicket.

Emburey undoubtedly had the right idea however, in attacking any ball that stayed within reach, hitting both Foster and Pringle for six during an undefeated 38.

Cautious progress

Indeed, this proved to be the biggest individual innings of the day as Essex proceeded cautiously towards a target they would undoubtedly have scoffed on almost any other occasion.

Ironically enough, their biggest challenge came from the nursery end as Williams, bowling very briskly and on a full length, first caused Hardie to retire with a badly bruised forearm and then claimed three for 20 off his allotted 11 overs.

COWANS SOON BACK

Norman Cowans, the England and Middlesex fast bowler, should be playing at the weekend. Fears that he had a hernia have proved groundless. Surgeons diagnosed an abdominal strain.

TOPS WITH BAT AND BALL

John Lever of Essex (centre) and Mike Gatting of Middlesex briefly putting aside professional rivalries at Lord's yesterday for the presentation of the Twin Hundred awards for 1984. Lever, first to claim 100 wickets, accepts the Silver Stump bowling award from E. W. Swanton, in whose name the trophy is presented, and Gatting received the Walter Lawrence Cup as scorer of the fastest century.

The Daily Telegraph Swanton Trophy was previously held by Malcolm Marshall and John Emburey but, as Mr Swanton observed, none was more deserving than the 35-year-old Lever who in 1983, after missing seven matches through injury, narrowly failed to take the honour.

Gatting, who reached a century in 79 minutes against Kent in September, was arguably a worthier winner than Lancashire's O'Shaughnessy whose fastest century in 1983 was achieved almost entirely against irregular bowlers.

This led to some criticism of the award's validity, which to a point still obtains. However another critical aspect has been removed this year as the speed of the century will be calculated on balls received rather than the duration of the innings.

Paul Allott and Norman Cowans lead the bowlers with 20 apiece for the Silver Stump this season, while Ian Botham's 76-ball hundred against Glamorgan on May 2 is the batting target.

Warwickshire fail to tame Carrick

By MICHAEL CAREY at Headingley

YORKSHIRE, with the help of winning an influential toss, were rarely extended in defeating Warwickshire by seven wickets with two overs in hand at Headingley yesterday, keeping alive their hopes of reaching the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Warwickshire's indifferent all-round performance was perhaps conditioned by having to bat

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when the pitch was at its most awkward, and their 159 never looked adequate as it eased out later.

Nor did their attack, and thus Yorkshire were able to pace their way with great comfort. Phil Carrick, pressed into service as an opener, taking the Gold Award for his all-round contribution.

Carrick's escape

Knowing what was required and finding the pitch less complicated eased Yorkshire's task. So did an escape for Carrick, who was dropped by Smith, off Small, with only a single to his name in the exploratory early stages of his innings.

The bowling, too, was not particularly accurate, and after a flurry of wides and a solitary over from Smith containing four no balls, the adjudicator, Brian Bolus, must have been tempted at one stage to give the sward to the extras column, which has always had a place close to his heart.

Carrick opened, perhaps to protect one of the middle-order stroke players from the moving ball in the absence of a regular partner for Moxon.

In the event, it moved mostly off his bat, with some firm on-side blows giving him nine fours in his half-century, his highest score in the competition.

The scoreboard

Yorkshire won toss

WARWICKSHIRE

T. A. Lloyd, c Hartley, b Jarvis	1
K. I. E. B. Dyer, c Robinson, b Jarvis	4
A. I. Kallicharran, c Stevenson, b Carrick	53
D. L. Amiss, c Sharp, b Stevenson	35
†G. W. Humpage, c Bairstow, b Carrick	10
P. A. Smith, c Bairstow, b Stevenson	10
A. M. Ferreira, b Sidebottom	27
C. Lethbridge, c Bairstow, b Stevenson	0
G. C. Small, lbw, b Stevenson	6
S. Wall, lbw, b Jarvis	5
*N. Gifford, not out	0
Extras (lb 7, w 6, nb 1)	14
53·1 overs. Total	159

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-9, 3-70, 4-90, 5-98, 6-145, 7-144, 8-146, 9-157.

Bowling: Sidebottom 11-2-21-1, Jarvis 10·1-2-31-3, Stevenson 10·1-3-44, Fletcher 11-0-32-0, Carrick 11-1-34-2.

YORKSHIRE

M. D. Moxon, b Wall	43
P. Carrick, lbw b Small	55
K. Sharp, b Ferreira	24
J. D. Love, not out	13
S. N. Hartley, not out	4
Extras (lb 11, w 8, nb 9)	28
53 overs. Total (5 wkts)	165

Did not bat: A. Sidebottom, P. E. Robinson, *D. L. Bairstow, G. B. Stevenson, F. W. Jarvis, S. D. Fletcher.

Fall of wickets: 1-111, 2-129, 3-150.

Bowling: Small 11-3-33-1, Wall 11-2-50-1, Ferreira 8-1-25-1, Smith 3-0-16-0, Lethbridge 9-1-33-0, Gifford 11-3-35-0.

Umpires: J. Birkenshaw & R. A. White.

Parks gains award as Hampshire ease home

By MICHAEL AUSTIN at Southampton

BOB PARKS became a rare and unexpected gold award winner on wicketkeeping alone at Southampton yesterday as Hampshire qualified for the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals with a seven-wicket victory over Somerset, bedraggled favourites who stumbled out of the competition.

He allied unwavering efficiency with taking five catches but his nomination by Denis Compton, the adjudicator and former England batsman, was still surprising because Smith, David Turner and Tremlett were more obvious candidates.

Despite Botham's 48 off 56 balls, Somerset were restrained to 167 for eight by Tremlett's

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three for 24 before Smith and Turner steered Hampshire away from possible doom, with an unbroken partnership of 107 in 30 overs.

Smith scored a maiden half-century in the competition and advanced to an assertive, unbeaten 65 off 106 balls. Turner's 52 not out off 92 balls helped to complete a gloomy day for Somerset's callow team. Defeat came with 8·1 overs demaining.

Parks held only one difficult catch, a diving effort to dismiss Harden, and his greatest feats of athleticism were contending with the 13 wides which Hampshire delivered on a pitch assisting seam bowlers.

With Garner and Richards not returning from the Caribbean until after the weekend and Rose, Dredge and Felton injured, Somerset's problems were already deeply ingrained even before Botham won the toss.

When the tousle-haired captain strode to the wicket, Somerset were 39 for three after exactly half their innings, 27·3 overs, with Tremlett's eviction of both openers in three balls the decisive influence in the decline.

James, a left-arm seamer signed for Middlesex, conceded only 18 runs off 11 overs and only the belligerent Botham who struck Cowley for a remarkable six, even by his standards, over the pavilion, restored some equilibrium.

Somerset's team, with an average age of 24, richly appreciated Botham's bold, experienced front, and so too, did the caterers. Without his partnership with the worthy Ollis, tea would not have been required.

Only the muted challenge of the Minor Counties at Reading tomorrow stands between Hampshire and their first home quarter-final in 10 years, the prize for topping the group. Somerset, cup winners in 1981 and 1982, can only anticipate better days.

The scoreboard

Somerset won toss.

SOMERSET

J. W. Wyatt, c Parks, b Tremlett	8
P. M. Roebuck, c Parks, b Tremlett	2
N. F. M. Popplewell, c & b Nicholas	6
R. L. Ollis, c Parks, b James	24
*I. T. Botham, b Marshall	48
V. J. Marks, c Parks, b Tremlett	15
M. R. Davis, b Connor	4
M. S. Turner, not out	8
N. Exres (b 1, lb 15, w 13, nb 1)	30
55 overs. Total (8 wkts)	167

Did not bat: †C. Gard.

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-17, 3-39, 4-48, 5-118, 6-135, 7-150, 8-199.

Bowling: Marshall 11-1-32-2; Connor 11-1-48-1; Tremlett 11-3-24-3; James 11-4-18-1; Nicholas 9-0-27-1; Cowley 6-2-18-0.

HAMPSHIRE

C. G. Greenidge, c Ollis, b Davis	15
V. P. Terry, Botham, b Davis	28
*M. C. J. Nicholas, lbw b Palmer	18
R. A. Smith, not out	65
D. R. Turner, not out	32
Extras (lb 5, w 6)	11
46·5 overs. Total (3 wkts)	169

Did not bat: N. G. Cowley, M. D. Marshall, K. D. James, †T. M. Tremlett, J. Ayling, C. A. Connor.

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-25, 3-68.

Bowling: Botham 11-3-27-0, Davis 10-2-35-2, Palmer 7-0-29-1, Turner 9·5-0-53-0, Marks 9-2-20-0.

Umpires: R. Julian & T. J. Lyons.

ARTIFICIAL AID FOR COUNTIES

Benson and Hedges are spending £40,000 on the installation of artificial pitches on the squares of eight county grounds.

Surrey, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Sussex, Kent, Worcestershire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire are the counties to benefit.

2nd XI COMPETITION

Knowle & Dorridge: Lancs 252-5 dec (M. R. Chadwick 76, R. C. Watson 55, pcl. Warwick 56 (Jefferies 7-21) & 47-1.

Nottingham: Notts 205-7 (J. Martindale 55, C. W. Scott 53) bt Leics 92 (Bore 6-13) by 153 runs.

Teddington: Middx 251-6 dec (A. R. Thwood 104) & 22-2. Kent 252-8 dec (D. Kelleher 54 not, b. A. Marsh 52; Sykes 4-61).

Dudley: Worcs 85-6 v Derbys.

Hull: Yorks 150-5 dec (R. J. Blakey 93, Glamorgan 80-5.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE
Matches May 13

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Middlesbrough	7	6	0	1	1010	1010	12
Rileasmere Port	7	5	1	1	1005	1015	11
Berwick	7	5	0	2	1035	1045	10
Wimbledon	7	4	0	3	1028	1027	8
Exeter	6	4	0	2	1009	1015	8
Long Eaton	6	4	0	2	951	1005	8
Mildenhall	7	4	0	3	1003	1051	8
Northampton	7	4	0	3	1011	1043	8
Peterborough	7	3	0	4	996	1062	6
Birmingham	7	2	0	5	1000	1058	4
Arena Essex	6	2	0	4	959	993	4
Milton Keynes	6	2	0	4	951	1001	4
Stoke	6	2	0	4	938	1014	4
Poole	6	2	0	4	909	1042	4
Edinburgh	6	2	0	4	904	1046	4
Scunthorpe	7	2	0	5	1011	1111	4
Glasgow	7	1	0	6	1026	1124	2
Canterbury	7	1	0	6	1024	1144	2
Rye House	6	1	0	5	950	1044	2
Barrow	6	0	0	6	950	1056	0

COWDREY SEES KENT THROUGH

By D. J. RUTNAGUR at Canterbury

A BUCCANEERING 49 by Chris Cowdrey hastened Kent to a five-wicket win over the Minor Counties at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, yesterday.

The two points gathered from Kent's final zonal match clinched their place in the quarter-finals. They gave their £725 prize money to the Bradford City fire disaster fund.

The Minor Counties, undeterred by the dampness in the pitch at the pavilion end despite

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not passing 100 in their two previous matches nor lasting their full allotment of overs, elected to bat.

Bolstered by the inclusion of Pakistan's Test all-rounder Mudassar Nazar and the former Surrey player, Graham Roope, the Minor Counties batted with a lot of grit but could only muster 152 after being initially undermined by Derek Underwood.

Coming on first change, he bowled a remarkable spell of 11 overs, seven maidens, taking two for six. In Sir Leonard Hutton's mind, the Gold award issue was settled.

Minor Counties won toss

MINOR COUNTIES

Mudassar Nazar, b Underwood	9
W. M. Osman, c Hinks, b Underwood	5
R. J. Lenchbury, c Hinks, b Baptiste	10
S. Greenwood, c Baptiste, b Jarvis	22
*N. A. Riddell, b Jarvis	0
G. R. J. Roope, c Tavare, b Jarvis	17
S. G. Plumb, not out	27
†A. Griffiths, b Dilley	15
D. Surridge, lbw b Dilley	0
K. Arnold, not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 3, nb 4)	14
55 overs. Total (8 wkts)	152

Did not bat: P. C. Graham.

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-28, 3-55, 4-75, 5-75, 6-76, 7-120, 8-122.

Bowling: Jarvis 10-1-42-3, Dilley 10-2-24-2, Underwood 11-7-6-2, Baptiste 11-4-23-1, Johnson 11-6-32-0, Cowdrey 3-0-8-0.

KENT

M. R. Benson, c Roope, b Surridge	21
S. G. Hinks, c Riddell, b Surridge	4
C. J. Tavare, c Riddell, b Plumb	15
D. G. Aslett, not out	31
P. N. Weekes, run out	49
E. A. Baptiste, c Roope, b Graham	8
†A. P. E. Knott, not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 11, nb 1)	17
37·4 overs. Total (5 wkts)	135

Did not bat: G. W. Johnson, G. R. Dilley, D. L. Underwood, K. B. S. Jarvis.

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-42, 3-50, 4-118, 5-130.

Bowling: Surridge 11-3-27-3, Arnold 5-1-24-0, Plumb 9-1-56-1, Graham 8-3-23-1, Mudassar 4-4-2-0.

Umpires: C. Cook and J. A. Jameson.

LARKINS HITS 85-BALL 100

By A Special Correspondent at Northampton

An 85-ball century by Wayne Larkins gained him a match gold award and Northamptonshire a six-wicket victory over Scotland in the Benson and Hedges Cup at Northampton yesterday.

Geoff Cook put the Scots in to bat, and after a bright start they lost their last six wickets

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for 24 to reach 185 for nine. Willie Donald scored 59, and enjoyed a second-wicket stand of 98 with his captain, Richard Swan.

Omar Henry made a valuable 54 to keep the scoreboard ticking over, but Neil Mallender with three for 46 and two run-outs prevented an over-taxing target for Northamptonshire.

Northants won toss.

SCOTLAND

W. A. Donald, c Harper, b Mallender	59
D. J. Simpson, c Sharp, b Griffiths	0
O. Henry, b Walker	54
*R. G. Swan, b Capel	37
A. B. Russell, c Sharp, b Mallender	12
†A. Brown, run out	0
T. M. Black, b Mallender	0
P. G. Duthie, run out	4
D. De Neef, c Lamb, b Walker	1
J. Ker, not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 6, nb 3)	18
55 overs. Total (9 wkts)	185

Did not bat: W. A. McPaul.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-98, 3-129, 4-161, 5-162, 6-163, 7-165, 8-182, 9-185.

Bowling: Mallender 11-1-46-3, Griffiths 11-2-35-1, Walker 11-0-41-2, Harper 11-1-37-0, Williams 11-5-25-0, Capel 4-0-15-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

*G. Cook, c Russell, b De Neef	6
W. Larkins, c Swan, b Black	105
R. G. Williams, c Henry, b Black	27
A. J. Lamb, c Brown, b De Neef	20
R. J. Bailey, not out	28
D. J. Capel, not out	11
Extras (b 1, w 1)	2
40·5 overs. Total (4 wkts)	191

Did not bat: †G. Sharp, J. A. Harper, N. A. Mallender, A. Walker, B. J. Griffiths.

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-17, 3-58, 4-165.

Bowling: De Neef 7·2-32-2, Duthie 10-1-46-0, McPaul 4-2-22-0, Ker 5·5-0-20-0, Henry 11-3-36-0, Black 2-0-14-2.

Umpires: J. W. Hampshire & B. J. Meyer.

Australians suffer one-day defeat

By DAVID GREEN at the Oval

AUSTRALIA, traditionally erratic performers in this type of cricket, yesterday comfortably lost their 55-over match against Surrey, who reached a modest target of 217 with six wickets and five balls to spare.

Australia, suffering early reverses against a make-shift Surrey attack, recovered through Wayne Phillips (66 not out) and Murray Bennett (46). Despite a notably slow outfield at the Oval, it never seemed that this total would be enough.

Surrey, prompted by Alan Butcher (84) and Grahame

Surrey v Australians

Clinton, (86) who put on 140 for the first wicket, were always in control. But tight Australian out-cricket in the later stages made them work harder for victory than had seemed likely.

The Australians, put in to bat by Pocock on an easy-paced pitch offering the bowlers slight movement, lost an early wicket when Hilditch, seeking a run to extra cover, was sent back by Wood and comfortably run out.

Carless sakes

Further problems arose through careless strokes against Surrey's irregular seamers. Butcher and Pauline, and had Needham accepted a straightforward chance at square leg offered by Wellham when two, the Australians would have been 48 for four.

Wellham and Ritchie staged a minor recovery before Ritchie drove carelessly at Butcher to be caught at slip; Wellham ran himself out; and O'Donnell trying to force Needham off the back foot, played on to place the Tourists perilously at 108 for six.

Wayne Phillips, pulling and driving powerfully then began to punish Pocock, Thomas and Monkhouse, Surrey's senior bowlers. Bennett, passive at first later hit Pocock straight for six and the seventh-wicket partnership added a face-saving 108 in 21 overs.

With Lawson bowling well within himself and Gilbert tending to overpitch, albeit at a fair pace, Butcher and Clinton made a comfortable start. Thomson, bowling first change, produced some quick balls and looked Australia's most threatening bowler.

Thomson found Butcher's edge when the batsman was on 31, but Wood at slip failed to hold a chest-high chance. O'Donnell, bowling like Gilbert to too full a length, offered welcome relief.

Bennett, attempting little in the way of spin, bowled a steady spell of slow left arm in which he had Butcher caught at square leg and tighter bowling by O'Donnell applied the brake and put pressure on Surrey for the first time.

Clinton, dropped by Wood off Lawson when 47, finally pulled Thomson gently to midwicket. But though Stewart and Jesty went cheaply, Lynch and Pauline steered Surrey home without major alarms.

Surrey won toss

AUSTRALIANS

*A. M. J. Hilditch, run out	10
G. M. Wood, c Jesty, b Butcher	25
K. C. Wessels, c Needham, b Pauline	7
†W. M. Wellham, ran out	21
S. R. Ritchie, c Lynch, b Butcher	18
†W. B. Phillips, not out	66
S. O'Donnell, b Needham	1
M. J. Bennett, c Jesty, b Thomas	46
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 9, nb 2)	24
55 overs. Total (7 wkts)	216

Did not bat: G. S. Lawson, J. R. Thomson, D. R. Gilbert.

Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-46, 3-48, 4-85, 5-100, 6-108, 7-216.

Bowling: Thomas 9-1-35-1, Monkhouse 10-0-73-0, Butcher 11-3-24-2, Pauline 4-0-21-1, Needham 11-3-25-1, Pocock 10-1-44-0.

SURREY

A. R. Butcher, c Gilbert, b Bennett	84
G. S. Clinton, c Gilbert, b Thomson	86
A. J. Stewart, lbw, b Gilbert	14
†D. J. Jesty, b Lawson	2
M. A. Lynch, not out	14
D. M. Pauline, not out	2
Extras	24
54·1 overs. Total (4 wkts)	217

Did not bat: A. Needham, *C. J. Richards, D. J. Thomas, G. Monkhouse, *P. I. Pocock.

Fall of wickets: 1-140, 2-185, 3-187, 4-201.

Bowling: Lawson 10·1-1-32-1; Gilbert 9-0-34-1; Thomson 10-0-39-1; O'Donnell 11-0-51-0; Wessels 5-0-16-0; Bennett 11-0-32-1.

Umpires: M. J. Hitchin & N. T. Plews.

Border's knee not serious

An exploratory operation on Allan Border's troublesome left knee in Birmingham yesterday morning has revealed nothing more serious than "ligament instability."

Fears that there might be problems with the cartilage or loose pieces of bone proved groundless, so Border, provided there are no unforeseen developments, was expected to rejoin the Australian party in London last night.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke said in Sydney yesterday that he deplored the agreement by former Australian captains Kim Hughes and Graham Yallop to join the "rebel" tour of South Africa later this year.

Neale and d'Oliveira surge to beat gloom

By MIKE BEDDOW at Worcester

LANCASHIRE'S hopes of retaining the Benson and Hedges Cup — already slender after two earlier defeats in group B—were extinguished when Worcestershire completed a six victory in a protracted day which finished in evening gloom at New Road.

The holders' total of 258 for five was bigger than expected—they used more than half of their overs in reaching 100—but the target was made to measure for Worcestershire as they accelerated steadily to win with 11 balls to spare.

Lancashire then had cause to regret conceding 15 unnecessary deliveries—seven wides and eight no balls. Such charity became

Worcester v Lancs

disastrous when Neale, with 84 in 97 balls, and D'Oliveira scored the last 100 runs together in 15 overs.

Worcestershire, who could now qualify for the quarter finals for the first time since 1980, were indebted to some sensible pace setting by Smith before Neale played with punishing certainty and earned a Gold Award for the first time.

In the end, there was real luxury in winning with Kapil Dev in reserve. D'Oliveira kept pace with his Neale for an unbeaten 47 off 48 deliveries.

Worcestershire's requirement stretched to potentially awkward proportions only because of a third-wicket partnership of 128, in which O'Shaughnessy and Abrahams survived four chances—five, according to less charitable observers—while altering Lancashire's dismal pre-lunch tempo of 59 for two in 26 overs.

The out-cricket—normally a strong part of Worcestershire's game—disintegrated as Lancashire's suddenly buoyant scoring-rate touched nine runs an over. O'Shaughnessy daringly drove Kapil over cover for six, and Abrahams went to 50 with a six off Patel.

Yet, out of this chaos, Worcestershire suddenly enjoyed an inspired over, the 45th, in which Patel ran out O'Shaughnessy and Rhodes took a sharp leg-side chance from Abrahams. Lloyd was then left to supervise a late dash with Maynard, and the result was that Lancashire added 197 in the last 29 overs.

Worcester won toss.

LANCASHIRE

G. Fowler, c Rhodes, b Radford	8
D. W. Varey, b Patel	16
S. J. O'Shaughnessy, run out	80
J. Abrahams, c Rhodes, b Patel	51
C. H. Lloyd, not out	43
M. Watkinson, lbw, b Patel	2
†C. Maynard, not out	2
Extras (w 1)	1
55 overs. Total (6 wkts)	258

Did not bat: P. J. W. Allott, D. M. Makinson, J. Simmons, S. Hazlehurst.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-37, 3-185, 4-188, 5-193.

Bowling: Radford 11-0-57-0; Newport 9-3-34-0; Illingworth 11-1-42-0; Inchmore 11-1-48-0; Patel 11-0-53-3; d'Oliveira 2-0-22-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE

M. J. Weston, b Makinson	14
T. S. Curtis, c & b O'Shaughnessy	19
D. M. Smith, c Maynard, b Watkinson	41
*P. A. Neale, not out	94
D. N. Patel, c Maynard, b Makinson	16
D. B. D'Oliveira, not out	47
Extras (lb 15, w 7, nb 8)	30
55·1 overs. Total (4 wkts)	261

Did not bat: Kapil Dev, S. J. Rhodes, †I. D. Inchmore, N. V. Radford, R. K. Illingworth.

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-69, 3-140, 4-161.

Bowling: Allott 11-1-47-0, Makinson 11-0-45-2, Hazlehurst 10-0-53-0, O'Shaughnessy 5-0-38-1, Simmons 10-1-46-0, Watkinson 8·1-0-48-1.

Umpires: A. A. Jones & D. O. Oslear.

TODAY'S CRICKET

2nd XI LUNCHTIME MATCHES.—Cuddington: Middlesex v Kent. Sparsholt: Hampshire v Derbyshire. Dudley: Worcs v Yorks. Hull: Yorks v Lancs. Gilpmorgan: Glamorgan v Minor Counties.

WARWICK 1·25 COMPETITION.—Leicester: Leics v Northants.

SO EASY FOR SUSSEX

By A. S. R. WINLAW at The Parks

SUSSEX gained a comfortable 108-run win over the Combined Universities at The Parks, Oxford, yesterday after being put in on a drying wicket and coming under pressure from Skander Grimes.

The Cambridge bowler had Mendis caught behind in the first over of the match, and then Green spectacularly snapped up in the slips by Carr.

Sussex scored only 32 runs in the first 14 overs against Grimes and Thorne, and it was not until

Comb. Univ. v Sussex

the 16th over that the county even hit a boundary. Then Parker and Alan Wells had a third-wicket partnership of 72.

The universities' hopes were raised when Grimes returned for his second spell to take two wickets in successive balls.

Sussex were 177-6, but now Imran Khan, back to his old seat of learning, made merry with the bat to record his highest-ever Benson and Hedge's Cup score of 82 not out from a total of 241 for seven.

The universities' innings — eventually 133 for six—had never promised to come to terms with the Sussex total. Grimes, with five for 56, enjoyed a memorable match, even if at the end Fred Titmus gave Imran Khan, the gold award.

Comb. Univ. won toss.

SUSSEX

G. D. Mendis, c Carr, b Grimes	0
A. M. Green, c Carr, b Grimes	19
P. W. G. Parker, c Carr, b Scott	48
A. P. Wells, c Davies, b Carr	39
Imran Khan, not out	82
C. M. Wells, c & b Grimes	8
I. A. Greig, lbw, b Grimes	10
G. S. Le Roux, c Davies, b Grimes	5
†I. J. Gould, not out	18
Extras (lb 8, w 7, nb 6)	19
55 overs. Total (7 wkts)	241

Did not bat: *J. R. T. Barclay, C. E. Waller.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-26, 3-92, 4-152, 5-177, 6-177, 7-201.

Bowling: Grimes 11-1-56-5, Thorne 11-1-52-0, Cotterell 11-0-41-1, Carr 11-0-56-1, Scott 11-0-41-1.

COMBINED UNIVS

*A. J. T. Miller, b Waller	41
C. R. Andrew, c Gould, b Imran	2
G. J. Toogood, st Gould, b Barclay	1
J. D. Carr, run out	18
P. G. P. Roebuck, not out	51
D. A. Thorne, b Greig	28
D. J. Fell, c Parker, b Greig	0
†A. G. Davies, not out	6
Extra (w 1)	1
55 overs. Total (6 wkts)	155

Did not bat: T. A. Cotterell, A. Scott, A. Grimes.

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-11, 3-62, 4-68, 5-120, 6-126.

Bowling: Le Roux 8-2-12-0; Imran 11-2-16-1; Barclay 10-0-31-1; Waller 11-4-21-1; C. M. Wells 5-2-20-0; Greig 3-0-21-2.

Umpires: B. Dudleston & J. H. Harris.

HOW THEY STAND

GROUP A

	P	W	L	Pts
Northants	5	3	1	6
Glos	5	2	1	4
Notts	5	2	1	4
Derbys	5	2	1	4
Scotland	5	0	4	0

GROUP B

	P	W	L	Pts
Yorks	5	4	1	8
Lancs	5	3	1	6
Worcs	5	3	1	6
Warwicks	5	2	2	4
Leics	5	1	3	2

GROUP C

| | P | W | L | Pts |
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Golf

RUSSELL HAS BIRDIES AT FIRST 5 HOLES

By RICHARD JAMES in Le Touquet

DAVID J. RUSSELL, who scored his first major win in the Car Care Plan tournament on Sunday, had to be content with second place behind Gordon Brand Snr. after yesterdays opening round of the £75,000 G S I Open at Le Touquet.

Brand, whose last victory came in the Nigerian Open in 1983, boosted his hopes of a first European win in eight years with a seven below par 65—a stroke outside Sam Torrance's record for the formidable Sea Course.

Russell, who added a £1,000 jackpot for winning the Northenden Pro-Am. 24 hours after collecting £18,000 for winning at Moorton on Sunday, was forced to settle for a 66 after opening up in spectacular fashion with five straight birdies.

On a calm, sunny day, the rugged English Channel links took on a much more benign character and nearly 30 players, who were being permitted to pick and place their balls after heavy rain earlier in the week, broke 70.

30-foot putt

Britain's Roger Chapman, Michael King, Malcolm Mackenzie and Ronan Rafferty of Ireland finished on 67 with Australian Wayne Riley and Italy's Massimo Mannelli. even players on 68 included Mark James and Philip Parkin.

Brand, holidaying in this French resort with his wife and daughter, collected seven birdies and an eagle, holing five putts of around five yards.

Russell had to roll in nothing longer than 12ft for his opening five, birdies but sank a 30 footer for a two at the ninth to be out in 31.

Malcolm Mackenzie . . . only 26 putts in his opening round of 67.

Leading scores

65—G. Brand Snr.
66—D. J. Russell.
67—R. Chapman, M. Mackenzie, M. King, R. Rafferty, W. Riley (Australia), M. Mannelli (Italy).
68—D. Jones, J. Morgan, P. Parkin, M. James, R. Foreman, A. Stubbs, P. Oak-ley (Fji), J. Crow (Australia), P. Carrigill, S. Bilsen, M. Roe, N. Crosby (US), H. Baiocchi (S. Africa), H. Clark, F. Lealbe (France), P. Teravainen (US), N. Hansen, J. Mowbica (France).

Chapman, unlike many who got off to fast starts, turned only one under par, but he was home in 32 despite hooking into trouble at the last, which cost him a shot.

Mackenzie, who scored his first victory in the Zimbabwe Open in March, helped himself to six birdies in the African-style sunshine and had only 26 putts in all.

King, who missed the cut in the Car Care event, altered his address position by raising his hands a fraction and the result was four birdies in the first five holes.

Rafferty opened with three birdies and had seven in all. After a four at the short 17th, he produced a rare three at the dog-legged par four 18th from 12 feet.

Riley fined

Riley, who won almost £6,300 for joint third place in Leeds, was ned £20 by the P.G.A. at the finish for wicking his ball angrily into the crowd after a bogey at the 16th.

And he received another official reprimand from Tournament Director Andy McPee after a bogey at the 18th yesterday for swearing. The remark was overheard by watching PGA European Tour executive director Ken Schofield.

Of the 68s, Parkin's was perhaps the most dramatic. Like Mannelli he snapped up four birdies and an eagle in the first five holes. He then bogeyed the seventh to turn in 32 and the magic ebbed away on the homeward nine.

He had similarly wasted good starts in the Italian Open—eight birdies in the first 11 holes—and Houston Open—eight birdies in the first 15—but his potential remains outstanding.

Frenchman Patrice Leglise holed in one with a six iron at the 161 yards sixth to win a £1,000 J&B Rare Award.

Nicola Way of Sussex plays out of trouble at the second hole at West Sussex yesterday. She eventually lost 2and 1 to Surrey's Mrs Nicolson.

Devon County Show

LUCKETT SPRINGS SURPRISE

By A Special Correspondent

GEOFF LUCKETT on Everest Forsure pulled off a surprise last-gasp win from Robert Smith in the Devon County Show Stakes, principal prize of yesterday's opening at Exeter.

In an 11-horse jump-off, Philip Heffer went first and third and was clear each time on Saucy Brown and Viewpoint.

But Smith on Sanyo Dictator was also faultless and fractionally faster than Viewpoint to take the lead.

Smith returned on Sanyo Olympic Video to slightly better his earlier time and the young Yorkshireman seemed set for a 1-2.

Equally adept

But Luckett, undeterred, proved equally adept on the turns and a flying finish on Everest Forsure produced the sixth clear and a well deserved victory by 1·25 sec.

Mrs D. Thorneycroft's Devonbred six-year-old middleweight Fisherman, shown by Roy Trgg, took the Waterford Aynsley Hunter Championship with the seven-year-old Standing Ovation, who headed the heavyweights, in reserve.

COUNTY SHOW STKS: Everest Double Glazing Everest Forsure (G. Luckett) 1; Sanyo Team's Sanyo Olympic Video & Victor JR. Smith) 2 & 3.
AUDI VOLKSWAGEN SECURITY: A. Rayton's Rowsea (G. Billington) 1; T. Crofts' JR IV (G. Billington) 2; S. Nicholson's William Curtis (L. Dunning) 3.
RIDDEN HUNTERS.—Lwt: E. Campion's Sonny Boy, Middlewt: Mrs D. Thorneycroft's Fishermans, & champion. Hvywt: N. Trevethick & W. Woods' Standing Ovation, & res champion. Ladies: Mrs S. Worth's Man of Honour. Small: Mr & Mrs D. Mainwaring's Nisetska. Local: Mrs R. Luszek & Mrs P. White's Proper Challenger.

Miss Way beaten but passes exam

By ELIZABETH PRICE

SUSSEX, with their mainly untried young team, gave champions Surrey a scare on the fourth day of the South Eeastern Sub Division 2 County Match Week at West Sussex.

Nicola Way, 16, their champion, had a severe introduction to county golf when she played the Surrey champion Jill Nicolson. Mrs Nicolson, twice her age and with many international matches, behind her, had to pull out all the stops and was one under par when winning at the 17th.

Miss Way, sister of professional Paul Way, has been taking exams nd this ws her first ppearnce in this series. The occsion did not seem to overawe her and she fought back courageously when four down with four to play against almost faultless golf.

Deciding match

She got her two on the short 15th and won the 16th in par were Mrs Nicolson made one of er rare mistakes but she could do no more and lost when she drove into the bunker on the 17th.

In the second match Jill Thornhill and Mary Gallaher halved. They had plyed each other twice before the honours are even. Mrs Thornhill, down for most of the match and two down with five to play, squared at the 16th when she played a magnificent second from the rough which finished over the green but puted dead down the steep hill. The last two holes were halved.

With Surrey having won one and lost one further down the list, they were looking for at least a half from one of the last matches.

In the event Mrs Diane Bailey, the captain of the Vagliano team this year, beat Aileen Secrett so that the final results were 5½ to 3½ for Surrey to remain the top team with one match to play.

Today they play Kent in what will be the deciding match and must at least get a half to go on to the sub-divisional finals. At present Surrey have won three matches while Kent have won two and halved one. Kent will come to the match after a day's rest which, with conditions changing every day, could be a disadvantage.

Essex beat Middlesex 7-2, losing the top two singles.

The details

SUSSEX 3½, SURREY 5½

FOURSOMES (Sussex first): Miss N. Way & Miss K. Mitchell lost to Mrs J. Nicolson & Mrs J. Thornhill, 4 & 3; Miss K. Hardidge & Miss M. Gallaher bt Miss S. Prosser & Mrs W. Woodridge 2 & 1; Miss C. Larkin & Miss C. Reipt lost to Mrs C. Bailey & Miss S. Cohen 6 & 4. Sussex 1, Surrey 2.

SINGLES: Miss Way lost to Mrs Nicolson 2 & 1; Miss M. Gallaher halved with Mrs Thornhill; Miss Hardidge lost to Miss Prosser 5 & 4; Miss Mitchell bt Mrs Woodridge 7 & 6; Miss A. Secrett lost to Mrs D. Bailey 3 & 2; Mrs Larkin bt Mrs Cohen 4 & 3. Sussex 2½, Surrey 5½.

MIDDLESEX 7, MIDDLESEX 2

FOURSOMES (Essex first): Mrs S. Barber & Miss S. Moorcraft bt Miss C. Nelson & Miss E. Jones 4 & 3; Mrs P. Jackson & Miss G. Gunby bt Mrs A. Gems & Mrs J. Donnelson 3 & 2; Mrs T. Wilson & Miss M. King bt Miss N. Gill & Mrs L. Grimths 7 & 5. Essex 3, Middlesex 0.

SINGLES: Mrs Barber lost to Miss Nelson 4 & 3; Miss Moorcraft lost to Mrs Gems 3 & 2; Miss Gunby bt Mrs Donnhauser 5 & 3; Mrs E. Boatman bt Miss Jones, one hole; Mrs Jackson bt Mrs Griffiths 5 & 4; Mrs. Wilson bt Miss C. Sander 4 & 3. Essex 4, Middlesex 2.

Uxbridge Show

Windsor winners meet in top-class line-up

By ALAN SMITH

SELDOM has a new horse show made such an immediate impact as the three-day charity event organised by Sandersons, in aid of the Save the Children Fund, at their Uxbridge ground in Middlesex from today until Sunday.

The charity aspect has been a help but £18,000 prize money, including Sunday's £6,000 Dawes Grand Prix, is a strong lure in itself.

The entry reads like a Who's Who of British show jumping, and despite the inevitable absence of the squad competing in Spain, the line-up will be worthy of the occasion.

Young James Fisher, who won his first Grand Prix at Windsor last Sunday, will be trying for a quick double, but Nick Skelton, who had two victories at the Windsor show, will be hard to beat.

From Skelton's stable, Liz Edgar, with Everest Forever and the speedy Everest Furry, complete a formidable team.

Jeff McVean, narrowly beaten in two major Windsor prizes, will be seeking recompense, and the brothers Robert and Steven Smith are others to take into account.

Outside show jumping, the many attractions include a display by the Side Saddle Association which has recently been well received on the Continent, including at the famed Essen Equitana, and scurry driving competitions.

Several show business personalities are expected to appear at the show, whose organisers hope to raise £60,000 for Save the Children.

Lawn Tennis

BATES TO BATTLE LUNDGREN

By BILL EDWARDS

THE great lawn tennis rivalry between Jeremy Bates, Britain's No. 4, and Peter Lundgren, of Sweden, built up in the two previous LTA satellite circuits, comes to a head in the spring series Masters at Lee-on-Solent today.

Both achieved semi-final places comfortably yesterday, Bates defeating Nick Fulwood, of Derbyshire, 6-0, 6-4 and Lundgren eliminating the Morten Christensen, 6-2, 6-5.

Bates was lucky to get away without a fine when he was reported by a line judge for bad language. Alan Mills, the referee, let him off with a warning because the remarks were barely audible.

The overall points table is led by Simon Youl, of Australia, who faces Christer Allgardh, of Sweden, in the other semi-final. But Bates is seven points ahead of Lundgren, and this would be wiped out should the Briton lose their match.

Reeves and Gracie out

Everything is indicating a photo finish, because points mean so much to the winner when it comes to the world ranking to decide acceptances for the big-money tournaments.

Bates dropped only 13 points in the first set against Fulwood, who offered a little more resistance in the second set but could not match his opponent's placings.

While Bates keeps home interest alive in the men's singles, it ceased in the women's event with defeat for both Sally Reeves and Lorrayne Gracie.

Miss Reeves was beaten 6-3, 6-2 by Daniela Moise, of Rumania, in 65 minutes, while Miss Gracie went down 6-4, 6-3 to Elna Reinach, the South African junior who won the first tournament of the series at Cumberland four weeks and runner-up at Sutton.

Mockery of system

Two qualifiers, Dinky van Rensburg, of South Africa, and Ni Zhong, of China, complete the semi-finals.

The appearance of Miss van Rensburg, who faces Miss Reinach, makes a mockery of the points system which selects women's acceptances. She has been made to qualify for each of the series, and has been successful in three, being the runner-up at Bournemouth last week.

Qtr-finals: P. Lundgren (Sweden) bt M. Christensen (Denmark) 6-2, 6-3; J. Bates (Surrey) bt N. Fulwood (Derbys) 6-0, 6-4.

Women's Qtr-finals: N. Zhong (China) bt A. Carlsson (Sweden) 7-5, 6-3; D. van Rensburg (South Africa) bt H. Olsson (Sweden) 6-2, 6-4; R. Reinach (South Africa) bt L. Gracie (Lancs) 6-4, 6-3; D. Moise (Rumania) bt S. Reeves (Kent) 6-3, 6-2.

LLOYD FAITH IN DURIE

By A Special Correspondent in West Berlin

Chris Lloyd reached the quarter-finals of the Fila German Open in West Berlin yesterday and then offered a few words of comfort to Britain's Jo Durie, whom she later partnered in reaching the same stage of the doubles.

Mrs Lloyd, 30, feels that Miss Durie's alarming drop down the world rankings — she is now at 52 and has been overtaken by Annabel Croft at 42 — can be arrested with a big win.

"Jo still has the game that took her into the top 10, she just needs to gain some confidence," observed Mrs Lloyd. "All she needs is a big win. If she is patient I am sure everything will fall back into place."

Long rallies

There was not much out of place for Mrs Lloyd as she moved into the last eight at the expense of Pascale Paradis, the talented but somewhat erratic French teenager.

There were several long rallies, but Mrs Lloyd eventually went through 6-3, 6-2.

Mrs Lloyd, who won this title in 1985 today faces Lisa Bonder, the No. 7 seed, who defeated Terry Phelps, also from the United States, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3. The remainder of the top eight seeds all won their way through.

In their doubles match, Mrs Lloyd and Miss Durie took only 40 minutes to beat Heather Crowe and Kim Steinmetz, of the United States, 6-0, 6-0.

3RD RD—Mrs J. Lloyd (US) bt P. Paradis (France) 6-3, 6-2; C. Lindqvist (Sweden) bt J. Mayer (France) 6-2, 6-2; Rhode-Kilsch bt N. Dias (Brazil) 6-3, 6-3; S. Graf bt E. Inoue (Japan) 6-0, 6-0.

Bs. Bunge (US) & A. Kanellopoulou (Greece) 6-2, 6-1; L. Bonder (US) bt T. Phelps (US) 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; C. Rinaldi (US) bt L. Rodarova (Cz) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; K. Horvath (US) bt C. Karlsson (Sweden) 6-3, 6-1.

CROFT & BROWN IN LAST 8

Britain's Annabel Croft and Amanda Brown both went through to the quarter-finals of the Victoria Women's indoor tenis championships in Melbourne yesterday.

Croft lost the first set 5-7 to Heather Ludloff of the United States, but recovered to take the next two sets 6-2, 6-2.

Brown also needed three sets to defeat her compatriot, Sara Gomer, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

VICTORIA WOMEN'S INDOOR CH'SHIPS (Melbourne).—2nd rd: A. Croft (GB) bt H. Ludloff (US) 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; A. Brown (GB) bt S. Gomer (GB) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; A. Henrickson (US) bt K. Sparkes-Short (US) 7-5, 6-4; K. Potter (US) bt L. Antonopolis (US) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

MADRID GRAND PRIX (Spain). — Rd 2: A. Maurer (W. Germany) bt B. Avendano 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; D. de Miguel bt M. Tideaman (Sweden) 6-1, 6-2; N. Novacek (Au.) bt M. Hocevar (Brazil) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; M. Jaquemo (Argentina) bt D. Tarr (S. Africa) 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BOWLS. — Women's county match: Somerset v Cornwall (Street, 1.30).
CROQUET. — Bedleigh Salterton Tourn'; Peel Memorials (Cleethorpes); West Park Weekend.
DIVING. — ASA 3m. highboard ch'ships (Crystal Palace).
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SPEEDWAY. — National Lge (7.30): Birmingham v Poole, Hackney v Canterbury, Peterborough v Exeter. League Cup (7.45): Oxford v Ipswich, followed by BLIC Challenge (7.30): Ellesmere Port v Middlesbrough. Scottish Triangle (7.15): Edinburgh v Berwick.
Rt 8'5

Noah finds touch as Jarryd flops in Rome spotlight

By JOHN PARSONS in Rome

TEN days before he returns to Roland Garros, the memorable scene of his greatest triumph two years ago, Yannick Noah demonstrated in Rome yesterday that he is at last becoming excited by his own lawn tennis again.

"I have a feeling I'm starting something completely new and it's a feeling I like because I've been playing under a lot of pressure in the last few months," he said after dismissing third seeded Anders Jarryd from the third round of the Italian Championships.

Though it could be misleading to read too much into the performance, for Jarryd struggled as badly in the first set that he earned derising whistles from the Italico crowd, the omens for the Frenchman ling from a demanding Foro, Noah are encouraging.

Since aggravating an injury—which was also his main stumbling block in Rome last year—at the Stella Artois tournament in London in July, the way back for the exciting Frenchman, who seemed to have the tennis world at his feet when he won the French Open in 1983, has been long and often painful.

Injury prevented him playing at all until last November. Then early this year an ankle injury in Memphis hindered his comeback still further, as did, for much happier reasons, the birth of his son.

Verve and vitality

But during his 6-1, 7-6 defeat of Jarryd, particularly in the second set where the Swedish player, who had asured the crowd "I'm doing my best" led 4-2—there were unmistakable glimpses of the 1985 Noah verve and vitality.

He is still a shade weak on pace, but for the most part he struck the ball crisply and to a length, which kept his opponent under pressure and he said: "Although Jarryd was supposed to beat me, I knew I could beat him."

The true significance of the victory may only become clear next week when the new world rankings are produced. Noah is at present 23rd but certainly if he can next beat Jose-Luis Clerc to reach the semi-finals, he is bound to be seeded in Paris.

The clash between Noah and Clerc, who is 20th in the world, should be tough. Both men were once fifth in the world and both have reborn aspirations.

Clerc, too, is finding form once more. His 6-4 6-2 defeat of Tomas Smid was a most assured display.

In the other quarter of this half of the draw, two unseeded players, Jan Gunnarsson and Boris Becker, have reached the quarter-finals with impressive victories.

Gunnarsson, upset by what he felt were four bad calls early on, admitted that he "lost my mind a little" in sliding from 5-0 to a set and a break down against 1985 champion Jimmy Arias, but responded well to win a fine match 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The key was the way Gunnarsson kept coming in to pin Arias down on the backhand, so that the opportunities for the American to unleash his ferocious, potentially match-winning forehand, were limited.

After a nervous start, Becker's power, especially on the serve, where he averaged two aces a game in the second set, stifled the impact of Juan Aguilar's brilliant backhand passing shots.

Desperately sad

Becker's 7-6, 6-3 win made him the first German since Baron Von Kramm, in 1951, to reach the last eight of his tournament at the expense of the delightfully talented Spaniard, who had knocked out Britain's John Lloyd.

Miloslav Mecir finally stopped the Kent Carlsson fun and games but only after the highly-strung Swedish teenager, also 17, with his own vociferous and distracting fan club, had provided the Czechoslovakian with endless frustration, Mecir won 7-6 6-4.

Mecir now meets Italian wild card, Claudio Mezzadri, who followed up his defeat of Paul McNamee, by inflicting an almost humiliating 6-3, 6-2 defeat on the rapidly-fading Guillermo Vilas.

The Argentinian should surely retire now, while we remember him at his best but, as so many point out: "What else is there for him to do?" It is desperately sad.

Top seed Mats Wilander dropped a set gainst Emilio Sanchez but after his 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 victory was more concerned about the ankle he ficked near the end.

Last year, on the same court a similar incident proved serious. This time he believes it will prove nothing more than a scare.

3rd rd: M. Wilander (Sweden) bt E. Sanchez (Spain) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; J.-L. Clerc (Argentina) bt T. Smid (Czechoslovakia) 6-4, 6-2; J. Gunnarsson (Sweden) bt J. Arias (U.S.) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Y. Noah (France) bt A. Jarryd (Sweden) 6-1, 7-5.

M. Mecir (Czechoslovakia) bt K. Carlsson (Sweden) 7-6, 6-4; B. Becker (W. Germany) bt J. Aguilera (Spain) 7-6, 6-3; C. Mezzadri (Italy) bt G. Vilas (Argentina) 6-3, 6-2.

Athletics

IAA expect new series to end 'jamborees'

By KEN MAYS

JOHN HOLT, secretary of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, yesterday declared that the war against the entrepreneurs and free agents within athletics is as good as over.

After what he described as years of confrontation and mistrust in the world's fastest growing sport, the advent of the Mobil Oil grand prix series *of 16 major meetings this season* has brought some kind of law and order.

"The rumours, suspicion and accusations of under-the-table payments to athletes will end with the introduction of the grand prix," said Mr Holt.

Experiment year

"There have been several rumours until now with what has been described as a free-for-all jamboree within athletics and, although 1985 is still a year for experiment, we believe we have it now under control."

Mobil Oil have put their backing behind the grand prix series this season with a total of £4,800,000 over the next three years, which will culminate with a grand prix final in Rome on September 7.

Two of the meetings will be held at Crystal Palace this year, the Peugeot Talgot games on July 19 and the IAC meeting on August 2, but Mr Holt warned that it could all change in 1986.

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The idea of the grand prix is that the 'poachers turned gamekeepers" of the past are at least brought into line with the laws of amateur athletics, and the sport has taken a lesson from open lawn tennis.

Women's Hockey

FIVE ON TOUR STAND-BY

By NANCY TOMKINS

Gill Atkins, goalkeeper Val Hallam, Karen Lobb, Kate Parker and Helen Woodward have been named as stand-by reserves for the England women's hockey tour of New Zealand and Australia, from August 24 to September 24.

But Sue Brimble, a major success against West Germany last weekend, has been omitted — possibly because the squad already contains enough back/sweepers to cover emergencies.

Of the five reserves, Atkins, Hollam and Parker won first caps in Mulheim last Sunday.

An England indoor squad of 20 is to be chosen at Nottingham on Sunday from the 51 final triallists named after the national championships at Crystal Palace last weekend.

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ENGLAND INDOOR FINAL TRIALLISTS.—North: L. Carr, M. Sawyer, S. Parkinson. Midlands: P. Morley, D. Griffiths (Lancs); South: K. Brown, D. Orford (Surrey); S. Williams, J. Thompson, Z. Bashell (Bucks); S. Rammell, M. Francis, K. Dodd (Middx).

East: O. Bollington, C. Fry (Essex), S. Bray, T. Wyles (Suffolk), S. Lee, M. Edards (Kent), V. Dixon (Cambs), J. Cooke (Suffolk). West: A. Wright, C. Coombs (Avon), S. Bramley (Glos), Midlands: S. Wright, J. Hartshorn (Leics).

Nominated by counties: B. Howe (Essex), M. Cheetham, C. Rale (Leics), S. Swainston (Yorks), A. Cannell (Middx).

Speedway

BARROW FAIL POINTS TEST

By JOHN GATES

Barrow are resigned to losing their membership of the National League when the general council of the British Speedway Promoters' Associations meets next Wednesday.

Unsuccessful in his attempts to meet yesterday's deadline set by the League management committee to strengthen his team, Chris Roynon, the stadium owner and promoter, said he now expected Barrow's record to be expunged.

Origin of Barrow's problems upon returning to League speedway this year was the stipulation that all teams should begin their fixtures with seven riders whose averages totalled a minimum of 45 points a match.

Unprecedented move

Barrow's did not and they managed to score just 65 points from the three matches they raced before the management committee imposed an unprecedented suspension.

As only one rider of proven ability, Sean Courtney, of Edinburgh, became available for transfer in the north, Mr Roynon was not able to meet the conditions required, but he hopes to stage a series of Open meetings featuring National League teams during the rest of the season and re-apply for membership in 1986.

Ice Skating

CASH BOOST FOR TEENAGERS

British ice skating has received a £100,000 boost from St Ivel, the major sponsors.

Some of the cash will go to Joanne Conway, 14, from North Shields, and Charles Widdridge, 15, from Bayswater, who will each receive £2,000 a year to help with training and costs.

Boxing

MITTEE GIVEN TITLE CHANCE

Kostas Petrou, who recently won the vacant British welterweight title, has been ordered to defend it against Sylvester Mittee.

The contest is due to be staged by July 31, though the Board of Control may extend the date at their discretion.

Cris Pyatt has been officially nominated to fight the new champion, Prince Rodney, for the British light middleweight title after Rodney has had the normal six months' grace.

Angling

BLONDE FOR MEDAL

An unusual catch of a 22¼lb blonde ray has been made by Les Baldry of the Bay Angling Society, Bournemouth. It will be entered for the National Medal contest of the National Federation of Sea Anglers.

Diving

QUICK RETURN BY MORGAN

By PAT BESFORD

Bobby Morgan, the Olympic diver from Cardiff who trains in London, will compete in the National Championships which start at Crystal Palace today despite breaking his right wrist two and a half months ago.

Morgan, 18, and considered the heir apparent to the now-retired Chris Snode, fell off his motor cycle on an icy road at Crystal Palace in March.

He is catered for the springboard contest in which he was second to Snode last year but is unlikely to defend his highboard title.

BOWLS

COUNTY. — Cambs. 121, Norfolk 103 — Dorset 98, Essex 145 — Oxon 135, London & Southern Counties 76.

Golf

MRS THOMAS ROUND IN 75

By A Special Correspondent

Susan Thomas, 24, a member of the host club, led the qualifiers for the Welsh women's championship by three strokes at Prestatyn yesterday, with an aggregate of 155 and meets Christine Thomas in the first round this morning.

After an opening 80, which included four putts on the first green, Mrs Thomas added a 75, the lowest score of the day and made up of 14 pars, sixes at the long seventh and 16th holes, and birdies at the 7th and 10th.

The defending title holder, Sharon Roberts, finding it tough going over the specially lengthened course, returned a pair of 82s for fifth place and should be too experienced for Andrea Perriam, 14, in the first round.

Curtis Cup international Vicki Thomas, strongly favoured to win her fourth title and the second qualifier, meets Gillian Rees, a former Welsh team member.

Should they both survive two rounds Mrs Thomas and her sister Mandy Rawlings, the champion in 1980 and 81, will meet in the semi-finals.

QUALIFIERS

155—S. Thomas (Prestatyn).
158—C. Thomas (Pennard).
159—M. Rawlings (Barnpool).
164—S. Jump (Ball Bay).
165—S. Roberts (Llangefni).
166—A. Johnson (Ludlow).
173—D. Richards (Barnpool).
174—K. Bradley (Barnpool).
175—A. Pritchard (R. Portheawl).
176—R. Lawson (Ball Bay).
177—J. Foster (Pontardawe), A. Perriam (Barnpool), A.-M. Mapes (Holyhead).
178—O. Morgan (Ashburnham), G. Rees (Lagnland Bay).
180—C. Thomas (Holyhead).
Draw for 1st round (match play).—S. Thomas v C. Pritchard; K. Bradley—S. Roberts v A. Perriam—A.-M. Mapes v S. Jump—M. Rawlings—O. Morgan—J. Foster v A. Johnson—D. Richards v M. Lawson—G. Rees v v. Thomas.

WILSON CLUB PROF CH'SHIP.—Midland Region, leading scores: 72—N. Sedgley (Forest of Arden) (after play-off); T. Squires (Ruston), 74—A. Daw (Lake Macclesfield), C. Maycock (Kings Norton), 75—T. Clay (Knighthorpe), 76—S. Beckham (Rookery Pk), K. Hall (Sherwood Forest), M. Newsome (Drayton Pk).

FLEETCO T'MENT (Pinner Hill).—148—A. Lord (North Herts Coll) 6, 72, 1 N. Lunn (Kingston Poly) 73, 1; 1; 15—C. White (Portsmouth Poly) 78, 75, J. Team: Kingston Poly, 385, 1.

NAT CLUB BETTER-BALL CH'SHIP (Pannal). — Regional Qual: 65—S. Sheard & I. Skidmore (Pannal-tract) 1; J. Stevenson & R. Smith (Roundhay), 2, 66—J. Myers & C. Wilde (Carlton) 3.

Golf

BOWLS

E.B.A. NATWEST NATIONAL TWO FOURS. — Avenue (Coventry) B 40, G.E.C.A.E.I. 45 — Tally Ho B 44, Handsworth Wood 25 — Smith's Sports 42, Thorneield 43 — Bradford-on-Avon 51, Corsham B 26 — Stratton Churchway 35, Wills 43 — Weston 31, Westbourne C 43 — South Oxford B 37, Saunterstown 55 — St George's B 32, Alnwick B 55 — Lapworth 25, Flixton B 50 — Lakes Town C 45, R.A.F. 27 — Queen's Works B 56, Sandc Town 38 — Burnham 39, Richings Park 42 — Hagleonbe B 45, Ab'wdeon B 38, Hungerford 52, Farley Hill 37 — Sutton 56, Reading B 39 — Chesterton B 45, Brampton Inst. 38.

SHOOTING

CLAY PIGEON S.A. BRITISH OPEN (Mid-Norfolk). — Positions after 1st day. Daily Telegraph Trophy: — P. Thorneld 49—1; 94-1; K. Williamson (Lydeard) 93—1. Juniors: 91. Neate (Trowbridge) 90.

CYCLING

TOUR OF ITALY (Verona).—Prelim. Time Trial (4·5 miles): F. Moser 1m 45·06s. 1; R. Visentini 7-32-06. 2; G. Saronni 7-33-06. 3.

Tennis

SHROPSHIRE SHOW

RIDDEN PONIES.—12-2hh: Miss J. Pestereff & Miss H. Hankey-Wynn, Prince Rayzar, & champion. 15-2: Mesdames. Young & Myers's Grosvenhills Silver Shadow. 14-2: Mesdames D. Whiteman & A. Bigley's Caro'han's Pussycat, & res champion.
WELSH PONIES.—Sect A: W. Jones & Sons Mynis Aftyn. Sect B: C. Morgan's Downland Finch. Sect C: D. I. Lloyd & Sons Tarwen Tiwa.

CROQUET

PEELS MEMORIAL TROPHY (Cheltenham).—5-iver Bowl, 2nd Rd: D. H. Moorcraft (½) bt Wheeler +15; M. Kelberewski (½) bt J. Sturdy (4) +7; Mrs. Burrell (3½) bt T. Dyer-house (6½) −19; C. Duckworth (5) bt G. E. P. Jackson (0) +5; J. McLellan (3) bt J. Hall (6) −21; Thomas (8) bt W. R. Bawden (5) +1; P. Darby (7) bt S. Hoole (2) +19; S. G. P. Waltz (½) bt L. V. Latham (½) +8.

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TELEVISION

FRIDAY GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6 50 a.m.-9.20 **BREAKFAST TIME**, with Mike Smith and others. 10.30-10.50 Play School, rpt. 1 News, Weather. 1.27 Regional News. (London and South East: Financial Report and News). 1.30-1.45 Hokey Cokey, rpt.

2 15-3.45 **RACING** — From Newbury for the 2.30, 3 and 3.30 races. 3.53 (not London) Regional News. 3.55 Whizz.

4 10 **THE LITTLEST HOBO** — Happy Birthday Mom. 4.35 Secrets Out, last of the odd hobbies series. 5 The Baker Street Boys, rpt. 5.30 Friday People, including a report on the Cannes Film Festival; Madonna and Patrick Duffy. (Wales: Interval. 5.35 Wales Today.)

6 00 **NEWS, WEATHER.**

6 35 **REGIONAL MAGAZINES.** (Wales: Women's European Gymnastics, highlights.)

7 00 **WOGAN**—Terry Wogan and guests, who include Dishann Carroll of Dynasty.

7 40 **DON'T WAIT UP** — Father and son doctor comedy series repeat. (Ceefax.)

8 10 **COVER UP** — Golden Opportunity. The holiday-crime series moves on now to Florida. (Ceefax.)

9 00 **NEWS, WEATHER.**

9 25 ★ **THE DETECTIVE** — Episode two and, after the involvement of the Home Secretary becomes known, MI5 take over the sex parlour to the annoyance of the Yard squad. Crocker and his assistant are both called off and sent away on soft assignments. But a small, sinister van is always being seen cruising around, and Crocker's mail and phone are being tapped. Rather fragmented in narration this week, dangerously close to soap opera. (Ceefax.)

10 15 ★ **OMNIBUS** — The Battle for Mansion House Square. A barrage of opinions on a very important, archetypal development dispute, haphazardly assembled here. The proposal is to build a 290ft tower block and demolish a number of listed Victorian buildings. Prince Charles called the tower "a glass stump, a tragedy dwarfing St. Paul's and better suited to downtown Chicago", but the developer has already acquired the 345 leaseholds in the six-acre site for his "tremendous gift to the City". The cost is given as £80 million. Objectors say they don't want a Manhattan Mansion House Square, or the high winds which go with tall buildings. An eleven week public inquiry was held and the report is now before the Minister of the Environment. Nice use of a Balfe song from "The Bohemian Girl".

11 15 "**DEAF SMITH AND JOHNNY EARS**" (1972) — Anthony Quinn and Franco Nero as the title characters in an almost unknown Italian spaghetti Western, uncovering a plot to take over "the Republic of Texas". (Wales: Stoc Siarad. 11.25 "Side Car Races" (1974 Australian film: Ben Murphy. 1 News; Weather.)

12 45 **WEATHER.**

BBC-2

6 55 a.m.-1.25 **OPEN UNIVERSITY.** 2.30-2.50 p.m. Daytime on Two, a sequence of 11 short educational programmes.

3 45-4.15 **RACING** — From Newbury for the 4.0 race. 5.10 News, Weather. 5.15 Monkey; Village of the Undead, rpt.

6 00 "**TARZAN TRIUMPHS**" (1943, b/w)—We go back six years for this one, still with Johnny Weissmuller and Johnny Sheffield, but no Jane who is in London during WW2. Topically a gang of German paratroopers invade the jungle, but they can't beat the burly old swinger.

7 15 **THE GREAT EGG RACE**—The three teams have to create "mechanical huskies" to pull Professor Heinz Wolff along.

7 45 **THE WORLD ABOUT US** — Mexico City, A Day in Three Lives. This year Mexico City will become the largest in the world, with 17 millions, and it may double by 1999. This colourful film, with no reporter or commentary, sees life through the eyes of a 13-year-old boy who wants to be a boxer, a designer of expensive clothes and head-dresses, and an architect and planner.

8 35 ★ **GARDENERS' WORLD**—Geoff Hamilton and Clay Jones visit the one-acre garden created at Tarporley, Cheshire, by Paul and Irene Bullen out of an open field.

9 00 ★ **ONE MAN AND HIS DOG** — Heat Two, Wales. From Chatsworth.

9 45 ★ **THE PAPER CHASE** — Spreading It Thin. Hart suspects a professor of plagiarising an article he wrote.

10 40 **NEWSNIGHT** — At 11.25 Weather.

11 30-1.10 "**EGON SCHIELE**" (1979) — A German TV film to oppose BBC1's Italian one. This is about the decadent life and paintings of the Viennese artist, played by Felix Mitterer. (English sub-titles).

ITV Thames/LWT

6 15 a.m. **GOOD MORNING BRITAIN.** 6.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12 Jamie and the Magic Torch, rpt.

12 10 **RAINBOW** — A first look. (Oracle). 12.30 By the Way: Telford's Way, followed by Neil Cossons, rpt. 1 News. 1.20 Thames News.

1 30 **GOLIATH AWAITS** — Part two of the underwater adventure story about a community of people trapped and living for 40 years in a sunken liner. With Mark Harmon and Christopher Lee. 3.25 Thames News Headlines.

3 30 **SONS AND DAUGHTERS.** 4 Rainbow, rpt. (Oracle). 4.20 Crystal Tipps and Alistair, cartoon. 4.25 Emu's All-Live Pink Windmill Show. 5.15 Connections, quiz show.

5 45 **NEWS.**

6 00 **THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW** — With Gloria Hunniford and team.

7 00 **THE COMEDIANS** — Repeat from the Granada series of stand-up comedians.

7 30 **FAMILY FORTUNES** — Presented by Max Bygraves.

8 00 **A FINE ROMANCE** — Comedy series repeat. (Oracle.)

8 30 **HOME TO ROOST** — Dating Henry. Romance is in the air, and Henry has smartened himself up, as well as bribing son Matthew to clear off. (Oracle.)

9 00 **C.A.T.S. EYES** — Cross My Palm with Silver. The improvement has been maintained, if you don't mind your drama emasculated, with female villains as well as detectives. Still not award-winning level.

10 00 **NEWS AT TEN**; followed by **London News Headlines.**

10 30 **THE LONDON PROGRAMME** — Fleet Street. John Taylor on the new national daily paper being planned by Eddie Shah for next spring, to be printed outside London.

11 00 **SHOOT POOL!** — From Kentish Town.

12 00 "**THE BLACK TORMENT**" (1964) — Ghostly British thriller set in the 18th century about a baronet, his new bride and what happened to his first. With John Turner, Heather Sears and Ann Lynn.

1 30 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** — With Mathoor Krishnamurti.

Channel 4

2 15 p.m. **THEIR LORDSHIPS' HOUSE** — Repeat from last night. 2.30 Master Bridge, rpt. 3 A Way to Escape the Ghetto, continuing the development of blues music. 4 It's a Mean Old World, film portrait of the American street singer, the Rev. Pearly Brown.

4 30 **ISAURA THE SLAVE GIRL** — Followed by Fantastico.

5 30 **ECT** — Heavy Metal series, four acts before an invited audience of "space vermin" in outrageous dress.

6 10 **PAINTBOX** — Mac Man.

6 20 **SOUL TRAIN** — With Donna Summer and New Edition.

7 00 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS and WEATHER.**

7 30 **RIGHT TO REPLY** — Gus MacDonald and viewers' programme opinions.

8 00 **WHAT THE PAPERS SAY** — With Godfrey Hodgson.

8 15 **A WEEK IN POLITICS** — Presented by Peter Jay.

9 00 **THE COSBY SHOW** — Independence Day. His son Theo comes home with an ear pierced to impress a girl.

9 30 **GARDENERS' CALENDAR**—May. RHS experts at Wisley with advice on planting climbers, destroying weeds on paths and vegetable sowing.

10 00 ★ **CHEKERS** — King of the Hill. Sam's softball game is against a team of gorgeous playmates.

10 30 **WHO CARES?** — Health for All. Starting a new, four-part series, presented by Joan Shenton, on health issues.

11 30-1.15 "**AN UNSUITABLE JOB FOR A WOMAN**" (1981) — More female detectives, now led by Pippa Guard after her partner commits suicide, plunged into full-blooded revenge and murder. Based on a story by P. D. James, with Billie Whitelaw and Dominic Guard.

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ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Jamie.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 By the Way.
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 The Outsider.
2 30 The Better Half.
3 00 Different Strokes.
3 27 TVS News.
3 30 Survival: The Atlantic Salmon.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Crystal Tipps.
4 25 Emu.
5 15 Connections.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 30 Pop the Question.
7 00 The Comedians.
7 30 Family Fortunes.
8 00 A Fine Romance.
8 30 Home to Roost.
9 00 C.A.T.S. Eyes.
10 00 News; TVS News.
10 30 "Torture Garden" — 1967 horror story, with Burgess Meredith as the fairground charlatan (or is he?).
12 15 Company.

Anglia

6 15-9 25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Jamie.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 By the Way.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
1 30 "Bachelor of Hearts" — 1958 romantic comedy of university life: Hardy Kruger, Sylvia Syms.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Crystal Tipps.
4 25 Emu.
5 15 Connections.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
7 00 Morecambe and Wise.
7 30 Family Fortunes.
8 00 A Fine Romance.
8 30 Home to Roost.
9 00 C.A.T.S. Eyes.
10 00 News; Anglia News.
10 30 Cross Question: Peter Lilley, Conservative MP for St Albans, Andy Blowers, Bedfordshire County Council's Labour Group leader; and Paul Nicholls, Liberal candidate for Norwich North.
11.10 "Suddenly Last Summer" 1959 b/w suspense drama, based on Tennessee William's play about a girl who was committed to an institution: Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift, Katharine Hepburn.
1 15 Birgitta and Swante.

Central

6 15-9 25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Jamie.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 By the Way.
1 00 News; Central News.
1 30 "Up In Arms" — 1944 musical comedy, starring Danny Kaye as a hypochondriac who joins the U.S. Army during WW2.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Crystal Tipps.
4 25 Emu.
5 15 Connections.
5 45 News.
6 00 Central News.
7 00 Morecambe and Wise.
7 30 Family Fortunes.
8 00 A Fine Romance.
8 30 Home to Roost.
9 00 C.A.T.S. Eyes.
10 00 News; Central News.
10 30-12 30 "The Seven-ups" 1973 detective yarn. Watch out for the carwash sequence, which becomes a chamber of doom: Roy Scheider, Tony Lo Bianco.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Jamie.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 By the Way.
1 00 News; Calendar News.
1 25 Help Yourself.
1 30 Goliath Awaits — drama, part 2.
3 20 Home Cookery Club.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Crystal Tipps.
4 25 Emu.
5 15 Connections.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
6 30 The Fall Guy.
7 30 Family Fortunes.
8 00 A Fine Romance.
8 30 Home to Roost.
9 00 News; Calendar News.
10 30-12 25 "The Virgin and the Gypsy" — 1970 adaptation of D. H. Lawrence's short novel, about a girl who is emancipated from her surroundings through her friendship with a gypsy. Joanna Shimkus, Franco Nero.

HTV

6 15-9 25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Jamie.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 By the Way.
1 00 News; HTV News.
1 30 "Assignment Redhead" — 1956 British thriller: Richard Denning.
3 00 Vintage Quiz; HTV News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Crystal Tipps.
4 25 Emu.
5 15 Connections.
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News/Wales at 6.
6 30 Problems.
7 00 Survival: Water Shrews.
7 30 Family Fortunes.
8 00 A Fine Romance.
8 30 Home to Roost.
9 00 C.A.T.S. Eyes.
10 00 News; HTV News.
10 30 Your Say.
10 45 Scene '85.
11 15 Kojak.
12 15 Live at City Hall: All-American Alumni.
12 45 Weather.

HTV Wales: 10.30 p.m. Keeping Up with the Joneses. 11 Kojak. 12 Live at City Hall. 12.30 Weather.

S4C

1 Isaura: Fantastico.
2 Stori Sbri.
1 00 Isaura; Fantastico.
2 00 Stori Sbri.
2 15-2 30 Their Lordships' House.
2 35-2 55 Hyn o Fyd.
3 00 "She" — 1935 b/w Victorian fantasy: Helen Gagahan.
4 45 Hanner Awr Fwy.
5 20-7 00 Friday Zone.
7 00 Newyddion Saith.
7 30 Tony Ac Aloma.
8 00 A Fine Romance.
8 30 Home to Roost.
9 00 C.A.T.S. Eyes.
10 00 News; Calendar News.
10 30-12 25 "The Virgin and the Gypsy" — 1970 adaptation of D. H. Lawrence's short novel, about a girl who is emancipated from her surroundings through her friendship with a gypsy. Joanna Shimkus, Franco Nero.

TSW

6 15-9 25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Jamie.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 By the Way.
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 "Up In Arms" — 1944 musical comedy, starring Danny Kaye.
2 30 The Adventurer.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Crystal Tipps.
4 25 Emu.
5 15 The Young Doctors.
5 45 News.
6 30 What's Ahead.
7 00 Morecambe and Wise.
7 30 Family Fortunes.
8 00 A Fine Romance.
8 30 Home to Roost.
9 00 C.A.T.S. Eyes.
10 00 News; Local News.
10 25 "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"—1978 thriller, in which a weird form of plant life descends on earth and takes over humans whilst they are asleep. Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams.
12 25 Postscript.
12 40 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 30 For Schools.
12 00-6 As TSW.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 What's On Where.
7 00-12 35 As TSW.
12 35 Actualites at Previsions Meteorologiques; Weather.

Open University

BBC 2 TV: 6.55 a.m. T391. 7.20-7.25 Weekend Outlook.
Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 Open Forum.

RADIO

FOUR

5 35 00 l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
9 00 News.
9 05 Desert Island Discs — castaway: actress Sheila Steafel, rpt.
9 45 Feedback.
10 00 International Assignment.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 Edinburgh's Golden Mile, rpt.
11 48 Natural Selection.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 Instant Sunshine . . . Reasonably Together Again —last part.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour, from "Life-style 85" at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.
3 00 Daughters and Sons (2).
4 00 Going Places.
4 40 Story Time: "The Past is Myself" — last part.
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial News.
6 30 The Cabaret Upstairs, rpt: new series of variety acts from London's fringe circuit.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Pick of the Week, presented by Michael Parkinson.
8 20 Stop Press.
8 45 Any Questions? from Ashington, Northumberland.
9 45 Kaleidoscope, presented by Sheridan Morley.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "My Uncle Silas", by H. E. Bates (5'): A Funny Thing.
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 00 Today in Parliament.
11 30 Week Ending.
12 00-12 15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 11 a.m.-12 For Schools. 1.55 p.m. Listening Corner. 2.3 For Schools. 11 p.m.-12 Study on 4: Principles of Counselling. 11.30 Novels up to Now. 12.30 a.m.-1.10 Night-time Schools.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Morning Concert (8 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composer: Duke Ellington.
10 00 Boris Berman (piano): Mozart, Liszt & Brahms.
10 50 Langham Chamber Orchestra, Jennifer Smith (sop), BBC Singers, conducted by Nicholas Kraemer: Simon Brixi's Magnificat & Handel's Psalm 112.
11 30 Kenneth Gilbert (harpsichord), plays Couperin's Order Nos 17. & 26.
12 00 City of Birmingham SO, conducted by Yuri Temirkanov, with Yefim Bronfman (piano): Stravinsky, Prokofiev & Tchaikovsky (1.1.05 News).
1 50 Academia Wind Quintet of Prague, rpt: J. C. Bach's Wind Quintet in B, Franticek Anton Rosetti's Wind Quintet in E & Ilja Hurnik's Four Seasons.
2 30 University of Wales Recital, Nigel Kennedy (violin), Peter Pettinger (piano): Messiaen, Bach, Elgar & Sarasate (3.05-3.10 Reading).
4 00 Choral Evensong from Guildford Cathedral.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure, presented by Geoffrey Norris.
6 30 Music for Guitar.
7 00 Five French Singers—new series (1): Germaine Lubin (soprano).
7 30 Endellion String Quartet, from Broadcasting Centre, B'ham: Purcell's 4-part Fantasias Nos 5, 9 & 11, Patrick Piggott's Quartet No 3 (first performance) & Smetana's Quartet No. 1 (8.15-8.35 The History of Emotions).
9 20 Paul Dukas — records.
10 15 New Premises, rpt.
11 00 The Beethoven Piano Sonatas — Alfred Brendel continues his complete cycle.
11 57-12 00 News.

TWO

6 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Angela Rippon.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 05 Gloria Hunniford.
3 30 Music All the Way.
4 05 David Hamilton.
6 05 John Dunn.
7 30 Friday Night Is Music Night from Aberdeen. (8.20-8.40 Interval).
9 30 The Organist Entertains.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 Vince Hill, rpt.
10 30 A Good Night Out — new series: memories of what a night out was like in the 20s & 30s.
11 00 Jeremy Beadle's Nightcap:
1 00 Peter Dickson.
3 00 Big Band Special.
3 30-4 00 String Sound, rpt.

VHF: 10 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 Simon Bates.
12 00 Gary Davies.
2 30 Mark Page.
4 30 Select-a-Disc.
5 30 Newsbeat.
5 45 Roundtable.
7 00 Andy Peebles.
10 00-12 00 Friday Rock Show, with live session from Ana Conda.

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Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92·4-95, 97·1).
World Service: 648, 463.
Radio London: 1458, 206. (94·9).
LBC: 1152, 261. (97·3).
Capital: 1548, 194. (95·8).

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. GMT Newsdesk. 6.30 Brain of Britain. 7 World News. 7.9 24 Hours. 7.30 Land of a Thousand Dances. 7.45 Merchant Navy. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 Shakespeare and Music. 8.30 A Word in Edgeways. 8.40 A Word in British Press Review. 9 World News. 9.9 The World Today. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 The Poem Itself. 10 News. 10.1 Kings of Swing. 10.15 Merchant Navy. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland. 11.30 Meridian.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 24 Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Boy Prime Minister. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 7.45 About Britain.

8 p.m. World News. 8.9 24 Hours. 8.30 Science in Action. 9 News. 9.1 Network U.K. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Goldfinger. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 Bach: The 48.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Kings of Swing. 1.45 Letterbox. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 People and Politics. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5 World News. 5.9 24 Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BIRTHS

BARCLAY.—On May 15, at Epsom, to ANN (nee Sherwill) and MICHAEL, a daughter (Claire Vera).

DENSHAM.—On May 15, at Ostock Hospital, to CLARE (nee Wibley) and ROGER, a daughter (Louise Elizabeth), a sister for Richard.

ELDER.—On May 15, to MELINDA (nee Kaye and John), a daughter (Polly Sarah), sister for Lara.

HOPKINSON.—On Mar 3, at Fiji Japanese Maternity Hospital, to PIPPA and ALISDAIR, a son (Thomas).

LLEWELLYN.—On May 15, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, to ANNE MARIE LLEWELLYN (nee MacDonald-Parkhouse) and ROGER, a daughter (Megan Louise).

LLOYD.—On May 10, to JANE (nee Ogilvie) and RICHARD, a daughter, sister for Sophie.

LYNCH-WATSON.—On May 13, in Auckland, New Zealand, to JOANNA (nee Beetle) and DAVID, a son (Thomas).

MARSH.—On May 8, at Taunton, to (nee Barclay) and ROBERT of Lamlash, Isle of Arran, a daughter (Joanne).

MILNE.—On May 13, to CATHERINE (nee Jeffery) and PETER a son (Simon James).

PARMITER.—On May 13, at the Hertsa Maternity Hospital, Bamhan, to ELIZABETH (nee Frasier) and ANTHONY, a daughter (Mary), an adorable sister for Lucy and Peter.

PEACOCK.—On May 15, 1985, at the Wellington Hospital, St John's Wood, to HELENA, (nee Spencer) and PHILIP, a daughter (Victoria Sarah Louise).

SOAMES.—On May 15, to CATHERINA (nee Weatherall) and NICHOLAS, a son.

WEBBE.—On May 11, at Queen Mary's, Hilcote, to JANE (nee Potter) and DAVID, the gift of a son (Alexander Matthew Tate).

WOOLLEY.—On May 12, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, to HILARY (nee Mott) and ANTHONY, a daughter (Frances Elizabeth).

MARRIAGES

GLADSTONE—DICK.—On May 4, at Abinger Parish Church, John ALEXANDER GLADSTONE, of Abinger Common, to PAMELA DICK (nee Jephson), of Redhill Common, Surrey.

MARRS—DERWIN.—On Wednesday, May 15, quietly, Mr ROBERT MARRS, of Pitney Park, Belfast, to Mrs MARY DERWIN (nee Ackard), of Horwood Avenue, Derby.

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DEATHS

BELAM. — On May 15, 1985, at The Middlesex Hospital, died peacefully after a long illness, LILA, aged 58. Family flowers only. Donations to Multiple Sclerosis.

CARSTAIRS.—On May 14, at home, KATHLEEN MARY, much beloved mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, Monday, May 20, 10.30 a.m. God bless granny.

CATTERMOLE.—See CASTAING.

CHADWICK. — On May 15, peacefully, SHANNA, dearly loved wife of Lt-Col GEOFFREY CHADWICK, of 28, Park Avenue, Harrogate, and darling Mum of Deirdre and Jill. Funeral private.

CLARENCE. — On May 10, ANN TARRY, aged 38, of Trussell Crescent, Winscombe, beloved daughter of Tony and Bar Clarence and dear sister of Jane and Robert. Funeral service at St Barnabas Church, Weeke, on Tuesday, May 21, at 12 noon. Cut flowers to John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

CLUTTERBUCK.—On May 14, 1985, peacefully away, MONICA ELLA CLUTTERBUCK, of Hillside, Redhill, Bristol, late of Hereford, loved sister of Mabel Griffiths. Cremation south Bristol Crematorium, today (Friday, May 17), at 2.40 p.m.

CORNS. — On May 16, peacefully at home, ELIZABETH, beloved wife of David and mother of Thomas. Funeral at Bishop Church, Bodmin, on Monday, May 20, at 2 p.m. Flowers to chapel of rest, Lee, Bridgend, Wadebridge, or donations to Marie Curie Foundation, Lloyds Bank, Wadebridge.

CURRAN.—On May 14, peacefully as dawn broke, Dr EDWARD JOSEPH CURRAN, Brigadier, R.A.M.C., C.B.E., M.B., colourful and much loved father of Philippa and Bruce and grandfather of Gemma, Shauna and Mark and Ballymena. Service at Crowthall Crematorium, Milton Keynes, 11 a.m., Monday, May 20.

DAWBARN.—On May 16, at Normandie House, Ringham, Norfolk, EDNA CONSTANCE, widow of John R. DAWBARN, Solicitor, of Wisbech. Funeral service at Andreas Church, Andreham, on Thursday, May 23, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

DENTON.—On May 15, 1985, GEOFFREY FALSHAW, aged 83 years, late of Oakland, California, retired Major, York and Lancs Regiment. Fondly remembered by Diana, Pat, Rosie and family. Funeral service at Porchester Crematorium, Portsmouth, on Thursday, May 23, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers please, but donations if desired may be sent for Muscular Dystrophy, c/o Miller Bros & F.F. Butler Ltd., funeral directors, 1-19, Bargates, Christchurch. tel. 485439.

DODSON.—On May 15, at East Grinstead, WALTER LEONARD (Len), in his 84th, retired Master Barber of Plumstead, beloved husband of Helen for 58 years, cherished father, grandpa and great-grandpa. Funeral service 12 noon, May 28, at St John's Church, Felbridge. Inquiries and flowers to C. Brinkhurst & Son, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead. East Grinstead 25092.

DOYLE.—On May 14, after a short illness, PHYLLIS, aged 84 years, much loved by family and friends. Funeral at St Giles' Church, Codicote, Herts, Monday, May 20, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to St Giles' Church, Codicote, c/o the Vicar. There will also be a memorial service at St Giles' Church, on Friday, May 31, 2 p.m. Any inquiries to Welwyn Garden City (0707) 328454.

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SPEAKER REBUFFED THATCHER, SAY MPs

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
Political Staff

GOVERNMENT critics at Westminster are convinced that any softening of style by the Prime Minister is a direct result from a major confrontation between her and the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill.

They are claiming that Mrs Thatcher has been so anxious about her image in the country, particularly as reflected in the popular broadcasts of Prime Minister's Questions, that she actually sought out the assistance of Mr Weatherill.

The word emanating from the Commons is that she demanded that he came to her defence more often during the twice-weekly sparring matches with Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, but that her quest was to no avail.

They claim that Mr Weatherill stood up to Mrs Thatcher and told her he had no intention of "cocooning" her as had been done by his predecessor, Mr George Thomas, now Viscount Tonypandy.

They are backing Mr Weatherill's response fully and have made the pertinent point that Mrs Thatcher should have known better, given her public misgivings about Mr Weatherill as a successor to Lord Tonypandy, who stood down at the last election.

They are also commending Mr Weatherill's human qualities of integrity, honesty and resolution, which were the reasons MPs selected him for the Speaker's chair.

It appears that Mrs Thatcher wanted Mr Weatherill to take a stronger line with some of the Opposition MPs in their choice of language and general roughness in questions by calling them to order. He could also use up time during the Tuesday and Thursday sessions, if he wished, by standing up and reproaching the Chamber on their conduct.

It is also speculated that Mrs Thatcher wanted Mr Weatherill to accept more "friendly" questions from Conservatives relating to subjects outside the Prime Minister's responsibility but which centred on some blunder or statement from Mr Kinnock or one of his own Front Bench.

Mr Weatherill's stance appears to have won him huge respect.

They note that he was characteristically allowed each party to put its message across during Prime Minister's questions.

TORY RETREAT ON SUNDAY TRADING VOTE

The Government appeared last night to have abandoned its attempt to whip all Conservative MPs into supporting the full legislation of Sunday trading when the Commons debates the issue on Monday.

For the second Thursday running, the weekly meeting of the Backbench 1922 Committee was the scene of vigorous protests from senior Tories about the way the issue had been handled.

But Mr Peter Lloyd, the Whip on duty, dropped a strong hint that any MP who felt he could not support the Government on grounds of conscience could take such a line with impunity.

ALDERSHOT FACE CLOSURE THREAT

Aldershot, the Fourth Division club, are threatened with closure because they cannot afford to pay back part of a £100,000 they received from their local council two years ago to prevent bankruptcy.

The club chairman, David O'Connell, said yesterday: "The council could foreclose us on July 1, and Aldershot would be wound up." A shareholders' meeting next Wednesday is to be asked by the former chairman, Reg Driver, to vote out all seven of the current board.

CABLE PLANS TO MOVE UP

Jimmy Cable, knocked out by Prince Rodney after only two minutes of his British light-middleweight title defence on Saturday, plans to step up a weight.

Cable's manager, Doug Bidwell, said: "There is no question of Jimmy retiring. He has always struggled to make the 11-stone mark at light-middleweight. He should benefit by going into the middleweight division. If he does well it could lead to another title chance."

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By LIN JENKINS

Miners jailed for life

the miners' union lodge secretary at Merthyr Vale, where Mr Williams, a father of two, still works said he would remain in the eyes of his work mates a "scab" and the real person responsible for the driver's death.

"David Williams should have Mr Wilkie's death on his conscience for the rest of his life. The two lads would never have been in court but for him.

"He is a scab, no one will ever speak to him at the pit. We will never forget what he did."

Mr Williams declined to comment on the verdicts. But he said he was trying to lead a normal life with his wife Carol and two children and wanted to stay on at the pit.

"The case has put me under a big strain because it brought everything back. Now we just want to be allowed to look ahead to the future," he said.

As Anthony Williams left the court a free man and embraced his wife Joyce he said he felt sorry for Mr Wilkie's family. "But it was never meant to happen, it was an accident. Those two boys wouldn't hurt anyone, they are not those sort of boys."

The decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions last January to charge him with murder more than a month after the incident when the police allowed him to walk free, had been wrong he said.

Mr Wilkie's mother, Mrs Joan Wilkie, 60, said she would never be able to forgive the two men for killing her son.

He had volunteered to ferry striking miners through picket lines and risked violence to himself because he believed that the miners had a right to return to work.

Mrs Reed, who was to marry Mr Wilkie later this year said: "I am relieved that it is all over.

"A verdict has been reached but it will never bring David back to myself or to his children or mother."

Mrs Reed gave birth to Mr Wilkie's son, Jonathon David, two months afer the murder. The couple also have a daughter, Jennifer, aged two.

Mrs Reed read a brief statement which denied that Mr Wilkie was only driving the working miner for money.

"In doing this job he was able to spend more time at home in order to prepare his house for Jennifer and his son.

"David and I had talked about the job he was doing and we both agreed that it was right for him to do it in order to allow this man his democratic right."

Mrs Reed said that two weeks after the ambush her father had also died. He had been a miner in Yorkshire.

STRIKE TOLL
9,808 arrests

During the coal strike, between May 13 1984 and March 5 1985, 9,808 people were arrested, 8,788 of them miners.

Up to March 22,565 cases related to strike incidents had been brought and there had been 4,518 convictions.

The killing of Mr Wilkie brought quick condemnation from Mrs Thatcher, Mr Kinnock and other politicians on all sides. On the same day Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, publicly dissociated the union from the incident and spoke of its "deep shock."

After Mr Wilkie's death there was a decrease in the intensity of picketing in South Wales. And Shankland, under arrest, wept and said: "Even when this strike ends, I shall still be in jail."

Prophetic warning by police —P2

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By JAMES WIGHTMAN

Brittan plans mob law

quired from march organisers, subject to certain exemptions for religious and traditional processions.

Turning to violence as seen in the miners' strike, Mr Brittan said: "One of the most objectionable assaults on the rights of the individual citizen is the use of intimidation against his person or property in an attempt to prevent him doing what he has a legal right to do or force him to do what he has a right to abstain from doing.

Such conduct is already an offence under Section 7 of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act. But for this to be an effective remedy it is not sufficient for the police to bring charges after the event. They must be able to nip intimidation in the bud.

"We therefore propose that specific power of arrest, and that the maximum penalty should be increased from three months' and £100 fine to six months' imprisonment or a fine of £2,000."

Limitation powers

Mr Brittan also said: "One of the major developments of recent years has been that the threat to public order or to the rights of the individual is nowadays often posed not by a march but by a static demonstration or assembly — whether it is a football crowd that has turned into a mob or a mass picket behaving in an intimidatory manner.

"The use of open-air assemblies is, however, so fundamental to free speech and the right to protest that we think it would be quite wrong to confer any power to ban them.

"But where such assemblies threaten to result in serious public disorder, serious disruption, or the coercion of individuals, we have concluded that it is right for the police to have the power to impose limitations on the number of people present, the location and the duration of the assembly."

He added that the power to impose conditions would apply in the case of all types of assembly in the open air. But the Government did not, for the most part, consider that there should be special limitations on particular types of demonstration, such as pickets or demonstrations by foreign nationals.

Turning to common law public order offences, the Home Secretary said: "In England and Wales the Law Commission have recommended the modernisation of the offences or riot, unlawful assembly and affray.

"Subject to certain minor amendments, the Government proposes to accept their recommendations for the new statutory offences of riot, violent disorder (the successor to unlawful assembly) and affray.

"These changes will not significantly affect the overall scope of the criminal law, but they will restate these offences in clearer, more modern language, they will introduce statutory maximum penalties, and give prosecutors greater flexibility over the mode of trial, by enabling less serious cases of affray and violent disorder to be tried in a magistrates' court."

Labour's criticism was particularly about picketing and demonstrations.

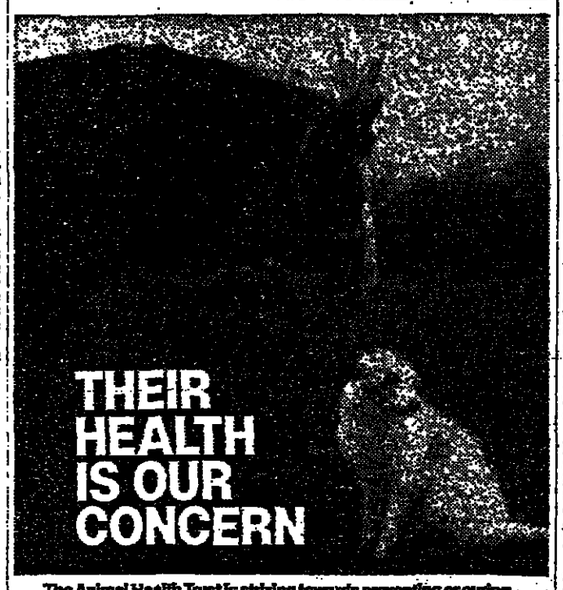
Mr Brittan replied: "Nobody who wishes to picket peacefully has anything to fear from any proposals in this White Paper. The only people who will regret it are those who wish to turn disagreement into turmoil and democracy into mob."

In answer to a Conservative MP, the Home Secretary indicated that the proposals could be used to avoid a repetition of the demonstration which led to the murder of PPc Fletcher.

DEPOSIT CALL

OUR SCOTLAND YARD CORRESPONDENT writes: Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the Police Federation, said in Blackpool that he welcomed the proposals as making the law more enforceable. "It appears they give more discretion to senior police officers to use their common sense."

On the question of recovering policing costs, he suggested that marchers or demonstration organisers should be required to lodge a cash deposit which would be retained if trouble breaks out.



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CARRY ON PRIME MINISTER

By EDWARD PEARCE

IT is always nice to have THE DAILY TELEGRAPH on everybody's lips in the funereal circumstances of the Conservatives running third in a Gallup poll.

In the light of so much opposition, said Mr Wrigglesworth in the pedestrian, fair-minded way which will be the death (or the making) of the Social Democrats, would the Prime Minister stop carrying on?

"No Mr Speaker," said Mrs Thatcher, nothing if not concussive, "I will not stop carrying on."

The carrying-on or Kitty McShane side of Mrs Thatcher's personality does not, indeed, grow less, whatever voice-massage or quantities of Dr Reece's sweetening tincture are consumed.

Mr George Foulkes is a moderately tiresome man but one who is in the unanswerable position of having been misreported for an incident on the Falklands visit.

He has been roundly abused by the Prime Minister and then been in receipt of an apology from the news agency concerned.

Hell let loose

From Mrs Thatcher you get apologies the way tin is mined in Cornwall: the commodity exists but not in quantities which make extraction economic.

She was sorry that he had felt deeply wounded and was glad that he was withdrawing his remarks.

At which, as they say downmarket, "all hell let loose," not the less impressive for being a gentlemanly hell articulated by a Liberal.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight), an affable Paddington Bear of a man who normally overfulfills his quota of goodwill, was up and shouting above the Labour indignation: "The hon. member is completely correct. I was there and the charge is wrong."

Mr Willie Hamilton then made an historic call for courtesy and grace and, amid calls for the Prime Minister to withdraw, the Prime Minister withdrew.

More precisely she said that she thought she had already done so and added: "I withdraw then."

It was one of those small but destructive incidents which a less restless and fiery spirit would have defused with a swift ungrovelling expression of regret.

Mrs Thatcher is armed and weakened by a single-minded partisanship which sees civility as artifice On such occasions the graces work to rule.

Mr Kinnock's part in the afternoon, though not particularly successful, did show the New Shorter Kinnock, an edition which, like the Shorter Oxford dictionary, is more in demand than the full compendium.

"Crime has risen since she came to power. What is she going to do about it?" May, as an observation, be hung about with non sequiturs, fallacies and other aids to cross-examination, but it is wonderfully terse.

Those who have watched Mr Kinnock producing words like a pasta factory on triple time, observe the elegant arch of his learning curve and wonder if it will last. To re-phrase a favourite aphorism about higher education—less is better.

Eternal underling

But Labour outrage took sail on a private notice question to the essentially functional Mr David Mitchell, of the Transport Department which revealed extensive closures of British Rail workshops.

The case for closure may be legitimate but hiring Mr Mitchell to make it unwise.

His style is that of the eternal underling, word perfect and bound to his text. Chained Bibles one has heard of, but chained Junior Ministers seem excessive.

Asked why he didn't do something about the secondary jobs which would be lost to major suppliers when the workshops closed and orders went abroad, he replied: "It isn't for me to do anything about it."

Now we know what he means (that companies must run for their own orders) but as a subcontractor for useful quotations in the next Labour manifesto, the toiling Mr Mitchell will never lack busines.

One turns to the performance of Leon Brittan, outlining his plans to amend the Public Order Act, with some relief after two such grim encounters.

There is a tendency to know Mr Brittan, to stress his heavy style and Cambridge exaltation of intellect.

Yet faced as he is with Mr Kaufman's toned-down Thatcher act which would find fault in a free distribution of beef extract, there is no missing the proficiency, grasp and general good sense which this underesteemed Minister demonstrates.

The shrill Miss Harman accused him of "suppressing people who dare to disagree with the Government" (Miss Harman could suppress a column of tanks at forty paces).

"But that isn't so," argued the Minister, sticking to the nicetics. Requiring people to give notice of a march doesn't suppress disagreement.

Even Mr Nellist, expecting a fight, had his attention drawn to an exemption clause. Such reasonableness goes beyond our hopes after exposure to Mrs Thatcher.

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DEATHS (Continued)

GOTTS.—On May 15, peacefully at Ridgemead House, Bradford Road, Otley, Yorks, wife of the late LESLIE DAVENPORT GOTTS, of Ebor, A loving mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass 10.45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Hamilton Court Way, Weston Green, followed by cremation at Woking. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to Marie Curie Foundation, 28, Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8QG.

GRIFFITHS.—On May 5, 1985, Sydney James Montague Griffiths, formerly of Kensington, and Dover, beloved husband of Rose. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Roseneath, Monmouth, on May 20, at 11.30 a.m., followed by private burial in London. Inquiries to Brian Wilson, funeral director, 70, Berthon Road, Lee.

HAMILTON.—On May 9, in hospital after a short illness, Nora Jessie Hamilton, M.B.E., aged 87. A dearly loved husband, father and brother. The funeral has taken place.

HANNON.—On May 15, HORACE BARRON DOUGLAS, Requiem Mass 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at St Thomas of Canterbury, Fawley. Family flowers only, please. Donations R.N.L.I.

HARE.—On May 16, at Taupo, New Zealand, LANCE, aged 84, formerly of Hare & Son, Much Hadham, Herts, loved brother of Barbara. Funeral Saturday, May 18, at Taupo.

HUDSON.—On May 15, 1985, at Morden College, Blackheath, Mary, aged 86. Funeral at College Chapel, 2 p.m., Friday, May 24, followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to the Old Ladies' Children Fund.

HOLME.—On Wednesday, May 15, suddenly, RACHEL HOLME, B.E.M., widow of Cranage Hospital and Ware Park Hospital, of Todmorden. Service at Todmorden Parish Church, Friday, May 24, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Blake & Horlock, Silver Street, Todmorden.

HOLME.—On May 15, 1985, peacefully at home, 6, Amid Rd, Bury St Edmunds, Dr. RICHARD HERBERT TURNELL, dear husband of Rosemary and father of Richard, Jacqui and Andrew. Cremation will be at Cambridge Crematorium on Thursday, May 23, at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

NEVE.—On May 14, peacefully after a short illness, ERIC, beloved husband of Joyce, of Wrotham. A dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral service 2.30 p.m., on May 22, at St George's, Wrotham, followed by cremation. Flowers, or if desired, donations to Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o Sears Funeral Service, 71, High Street, Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.

NICHOLSON.—On May 15, peacefully, JOAN HYDE, aged 77, of Guernsey, Beloved Aunt. Private cremation. Please no flowers or letters.

ONIONS.—On May 15, 1985, in Dublin after an illness bravely fought, OLIVER, dearly loved and loving husband of MARY (nee Wyer) and beloved father of Mark and Susan.

PARKER.—On May 15, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ROBERT WILLIAM PARKER, Rear Admiral, C.B.E., beloved husband of Vivian. Funeral service at St Peters Church, Freshford, on Monday, May 20, at 12 noon, followed by interment. Simple flowers or donations if desired for R.L.E.M.A. may be sent to Jollys, funeral directors, 15, Milsom Street, Bath.

PATON.—On Wednesday, May 15, 1985, suddenly at her home, Mellfield House, Walberswick, JOAN BARBARA, aged 61 years. Service at Walberswick Church on Wednesday, May 22, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers but donations, if sent, to the Treasurer of Walberswick Church. No flowers but donations, if sent, to the Treasurer of the Royal British Legion, Walberswick.

PATSON.—On May 15, at Bethesda Infirmary, Bermuda, after a long illness, Dr. ERIC PATSON, dearly loved husband of Bob, Dear Lady of Perpetual Succour, Hamilton Court Way, Weston Green, followed by cremation at Woking. Family flowers only, please.

PHIPPS.—On May 15, 1985, peacefully in hospital, MARGARET, of Dorset. Sadly missed by all her family. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, May 22, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, by request.

PIERCY.—On May 15, 1985, EDWARD, Solicitor, of Liverpool. Inquiries 051-722 6802.

PIKE.—On May 14, 1985, peacefully in hospital, CECIL WILFRED PIKE, aged 75, of Hornchurch. Much beloved husband of Eva and dear father of Christine. Service at Rochelle, Parkstone, Wednesday, May 22, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to Parkstone Rotary Club, Mary Ann Evans Appeal.

PIKE.—On May 15, HORACE GEORGE, aged 87. A dearly loved husband, father and brother. The funeral has taken place.

RANNOU.—On May 15, HORACE DOUGLAS. Requiem Mass 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at St Thomas of Canterbury, Fawley. Family flowers only, please. Donations R.N.L.I.

RARE.—On May 16, at Taupo, New Zealand, LANCE, aged 84, formerly of Rare & Son, Much Hadham, Herts, loved brother of Barbara. Funeral Saturday, May 18, at Taupo.

RUDD.—On May 15, 1985, at Morden College, Blackheath, Mary, aged 86. Funeral at College Chapel, 2 p.m., Friday, May 24, followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to the Old Ladies' Children Fund.

SAUNDERS.—On May 14, 1985, at Ivy Cottage, Bishopstone, Salisbury, ELSIE MARY, aged 75 years, beloved wife of Bob. Funeral service at Bishopstone Church, Wednesday, May 22, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Royal British Legion, Bishopstone Branch.

SHEPHERD.—On May 15, 1985, peacefully at home, 6, Amid Rd, Bury St Edmunds, Dr. RICHARD HERBERT TURNELL, dear husband of Rosemary and father of Richard, Jacqui and Andrew. Cremation will be at Cambridge Crematorium on Thursday, May 23, at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

SMITH.—On May 14, 1985, peacefully in hospital, PAUL NICHOLAS, aged 38, son of Muriel and Jack, brother of Lesley, Jacqueline and Lynn, brother-in-law of Adrian. He died as he lived, heroically as he lived.

STALGRAN.—On May 14, peacefully at home, MILDRED MAVIS, aged 63, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Mey 23, at 2.30 p.m. in Crowthorne Methodist Church. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for The National Children's Home, to Mrs A. Brougham, 9, Brackenside, Crowthorne, Berks.

WALKER.—On May 15, 1985, suddenly in Bromley Hospital, Dr Steve WALKER, Pharmacy Dept. Chelsea College, London University, beloved husband of Sally and father of David. Cremation at Croydon on Wednesday, May 22, at 11 a.m. Donations if desired to Sudden Heart Foundation.

WARD.—On May 13, 1985, suddenly at Bexhill-on-Sea, THOMAS BASIL, beloved husband of Alice Edith (Christ) and dear father of Linda. Cremation, Eastbourne, Thursday, May 23rd at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to Mansons of Old, 51, Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

WHITE.—On May 15, 1985, suddenly, JOHN HENRY, of Orpen Terrace, St Saviours Road, Bath. Much loved and sadly missed by Pip, children and grandchildren.

WILKINSON.—On May 9, suddenly at home in Canterbury, JOAN MARY (nee Woodward), dearly loved mother and grandmother and wife of the late Rev. WILKE. Funeral service and Cremation at 12 noon, Monday, May 20, Floral tributes and all inquiries to C. W. Young & Son Ltd., 7, Gregory's, Military Road, Canterbury or if desired donations to Paediatric Fund, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.

WILLIAMS.—On May 14, peacefully at home, Clapton, FRANCIS V. (Frank), beloved wife of Guy and dearest mother of Nigel, Sally, Mark, Victoria, Henrietta and Pamela. Service at Barnston Parish Church on Monday, May 20, at 11.30 a.m., followed by cremation at Landican at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St John's Hospice in Ward, Mount Road, Bebington.

WILSON.—On May 13, peacefully, ERNIE ERIC, (Bobo), Teddington.

WILSON.—On May 15, 1985, suddenly, PETER W., aged 38. Funeral at 11 a.m. at Ellshal Crematorium, Cambridge Road, Enfield, Middlesex, Tuesday, May 21, at 11.30 a.m. The family has requested that any donations in his memory should be made to the British Heart Foundation, Please send to Collins & Wilson Ltd, 30, Old Street, London EC1V 9AQ.

WILTSHIRE.—On May 15, suddenly, WILLIAM HENRY, aged 79 years. Funeral service will take place at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday, May 23, at 11.15 a.m. Flowers please to William Sterling, funeral director, 53, Church Street, Fordingbridge.

WINSTONE.—On May 15, in Colchester Hospital, ESSEX, aged 96 years, widow of CHARLES WINSTONE, formerly of Muswell Hill, North London. Funeral service on Wednesday, May 22, at Colchester Crematorium. Flowers to F. G. Dicks Ltd., 47, High Street, Wallon-on-the-Naze.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AITKEN, Sir Max.—A Thanksgiving Service will be held for the life of Sir Max Aitken in St Clement Danes Church on Tuesday, June 11, at 12 noon. Those wishing to attend please telephone 01-630 1227 by May 29.

BOWDEN.—A Memorial Service for ARTHUR CHAPLIN (Chappie) BOWDEN will be held at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, Gresham Street, London, E.C.2, on Monday, June 10, at 11.30 a.m.

IN MEMORIAM

ALABASTER, CATHERINE ANNE (N.R.C.N.), L.—Born on Sabyan into the 4th I Go.—Jimmy, E.

BEEDHAM, KENNETH.—May 17, 1983. Proud memories of our dear son and cherished friend. Always in our thoughts. — Margaret, Gordon, and family.

BRAIN.—In loving memory of DENNIS, on his birthday.

GREEN, RICHARD, 1980.—Sadly missed, lovingly remembered.—Lizzie.

JACKSON, HAROLD, May 17, 1984. Ever beloved brother, whose constant kindness and caring I miss every hour of every day. My love for always.—D.

JERVIS, ALAN W. — With loving memories on your birthday.—Betty.

JESSOP, F. S.—Edwards.—On my Mother's Birthday, May 17.—Rememb